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ROLL OF HONOUR.

BENNIE—January 6, 1917, from wounds received in action, HAROLD EDWIN, Lieutenant, Royal Marines, youngest and dearly-loved son of JAMES and AGNES M. BENNIE, 91 Lower Beechwood avenue, Dublin.

MORRISON—January 29, 1917, result of an accident, CAMPBELL MORRISON, Lieutenant and Quartermaster Surrey Regiment, last surviving son of late Samuel Morrison, and grandson of late Campbell Boyd, of Dublin.

POMEROY—At Oakley Military Hospital, Kent, of "double pneumonia, ETSTACE C. POMEROY, Army Service Corps, aged 39, youngest son of John A. Pomeroy, Esq., Salt Hill, Mount Charles.

TRENCH—A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at 3 o'clock, at Killyon Church, Mullingar, for the late Captain PERCY R. O. TRENCH, The Queens, killed in action on 25th.

BIRTHS.

DOWSE—February 6, 1917, at 16 Oxford road, Rapeleigh, the wife of Bombardier H. Dowse, R.F.A., of a daughter.

MAXWELL—February 8, 1917, at 89 Lower Baggot street, to the wife of A. H. MAXWELL, Corduff, Lusk, a daughter.

PALMER—February 7, 1917, at 33 Berea terrace, Rathfarnham, the wife of A. G. PALMER, of a son (GEOFFREY GORDON).

WILLIS—February 8, 1917, at "Cheriton," St. Kevin's Park, Rathmines, Dublin, the wife of F. E. WILLIS, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARTLEY and COLLINS—February 8, 1917, at St. Andrew's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. R. Northridge, M.A., Captain T. H. M. BARTLEY, Lancashire Fusiliers, fifth son of Mr. Charles Bartley, of Enniskillen, to FLORENCE ELEANOR, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED T. COLLINS, Hibernian Bank House, College Green.

BRENT and BARKLIE—February 5, 1917, at St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. T. Harvey Stewart, M.A., Rector of the Parish, Captain REGINALD WALTER BRENT, M.C., Motor Machine Gun Service, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brent, 17 Amherst avenue, West Ealing, London, to STEPHANIE, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. McCALMONT BARKLIE, Headford, Galway.

LA TOUCHE and ALEXANDER—February 8, 1917, at St. Mary's, Fulham, by the Rev. C. Bradshaw Foy, THOMAS HENRY, youngest son of the late Rev. P. D. DIGGES LA TOUCHE, Rector of Payneslown, Co. Meath, to ETHEL SIDNEY, second daughter of the Rev. H. G. ALEXANDER, Rector of Stoke Rivers, Devon. Eastern papers please copy.

MACKENZIE and SNELL—February 6, 1917, at St. Peter's, Stoneygate, by the Rev. E. M. Gilford, D.D., assisted by the Rev. A. A. Gray, Vicar, FREDERIC BOYCE, second son of B. J. MACKENZIE, Tunbridge Wells, and grandson of the late Captain Boyce Mackenzie, Creich, Sutherland, to MILDRED, eldest daughter of J. B. SNELL, of Bramdean, Ticehurst.

McCREADY and WORKMAN—February 7, 1917, at Donaghill United Free Church, Glasgow, by the Rev. Wm. Hickie, D.D., Captain WILLIAM McCREADY, R.A.M.C., second son of the late Rev. Edward McConkey McCready, of Ballymalinch, Co. Down, and of Mrs. McCready, of Inniscleraun, Belfast, to ELLEN B. WORKMAN, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Workman, of 12 University Gardens, Glasgow.

O'KELLY and PEART—February 8, 1917, at St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook, CHARLES MARTIN O'KELLY, fourth son of W. H. O'Kelly, of Monkstown Castle, Co. Dublin, to AGNES MONICA PEART, fifth daughter of the late Joseph Henry Peart, of Las Moscas, Entre Rios, South America.

DEATHS.

BALL—February 6, 1917, at her residence, 80 St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, BRENDA ELIZABETH ARCHER BALL, beloved wife of J. C. Ball. Deeply regretted. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), the 10th inst., for Clontarf Parish Church at 9 o'clock a.m.

BAXTER—February 7, 1917, at 66 Casewick road, West Norwood, London, HENRY BAXTER, late of Dublin, in his 83rd year. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

BLAKE—February 6, 1917, at Northumberland avenue, Kingstown, FANNY, the eldest and last surviving daughter of the late Patrick Blake, Esq., of Corbalamore, and Mount Pleasant, Co. Galway. Funeral private. No flowers. R.I.P.

CAMPBELL—February 9, 1917, at Court Devenish, Athlone, MARY ELIZABETH, wife of PETER CAMPBELL, Athlone, aged 52.

CAROLIN—February 8, 1917, after a short illness, REBECCA AVIS, widow of the late EDWARD CAROLIN, J.P. Funeral at Mount Jerome to-morrow (Saturday), 10th inst., at 9.30 o'clock.

CARTER—February 6, 1917, at his residence, 77 St. Ignatius road, Drumcondra, ROBERT CARTER, aged 75 years. Deeply regretted by his children and grandchildren. Funeral to St. George's Burial Ground to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 a.m. "Peace, perfect peace."

COLEMAN—February 8, 1917, at his residence, 67 Lindsay road, Glasnevin, JAMES JOSEPH COLEMAN, aged 42 years. Deeply regretted by his wife and children. R.I.P. Funeral (Saturday) morning from St. Columba's Church, Iona road, after 10 o'clock Mass.

COYLE—February 7, 1917, at Private Hospital, Dublin, BARTHOLOMEW COYLE, of No. 3a Dogan place, Rathmines, Dublin. R.I.P. Funeral private.

DOUGLAS—February 7, 1917, at her residence, Rosemount, Millvale, Newry, ELLEN, widow of the late Rev. M. Douglas. Funeral private. No flowers.

DOONER—February 8, 1917, at his father's residence, Templeton, Killashee, HUGH DOONER, aged 34 years. Deeply regretted by his father, sister, and brother. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 3.30.

EDMEADES—February 6, 1917, at Hazells, South-fleet, Kent, Colonel J. F. EDMEADES, M.V.O.

GORDON—February 8, 1917, at No. 4 Walpole terrace, Castle avenue, Clontarf, after a short illness, at an advanced age, SUSAN TABOT, beloved wife of GEORGE GORDON. Funeral private.

GOSSELIN—February 4, 1917, at West Malling, Kent, Major Sir NICHOLAS GOSSELIN, J.P., D.L., formerly of Aughnanullen, Co. Monaghan, and of Lackenagh, Co. Donegal, aged 77 years.

HUNTER—February 8, 1917, at Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, EDWARD THOMAS HUNTER, after tedious illness, borne with patience and fortitude. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. "Peace, perfect peace."

JOHNSON—February 7, 1917, at Garrycastle, Athlone, ELIZA, eldest daughter of the late Robert and ANNE JOHNSON. Funeral to-day (Friday), 2 o'clock, to Cernamagh Cemetery.

MARTIN—February 8, 1917, at his residence, Ouderstown, Navan, WILLIAM MARTIN, J.P., County Councillor. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Office and High Mass to-morrow (Saturday) at Bohermeen Church at 10.30. Funeral at 2 o'clock same day to New Cemetery, Navan.

PEPPARD—February 8, 1917, at the residence of her son-in-law (John Holland, M.R.C.V.S., Model Farm, Athy), MARIA, relict of the late MICHAEL PEPPARD, Athy, and grandmother of Lieutenant Holland, V.C. Office at 11 o'clock, and funeral at 1 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday). R.I.P.

THOMPSON—February 8, 1917, at St. Patrick's Hospital, ROBERT ALEXANDER, late District-Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary, third son of the late WILLIAM THOMPSON, Accountant, Great Northern Railway.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. SLOAN desires to express her sincere thanks to the many friends who have sent messages of sympathy on the death of her son, Second Lieutenant HAROLD A. SLOAN, R.G.A.

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WANTED, House Parlourmaid and Cook General; wages according to experience; wages and good references to Mrs. Cary-Barnard, Belleville, Athenry, County Galway.

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COOK General, Protestant, for 15th March, Co. Kildare; family two; £28; good knowledge of plain cooking; housemaid kept. Address, giving full particulars, to "Z 5468, Cook," this office.

CAN get recommended intelligent country Girl to train for Cook General.—Mrs. Eccles, East Hall, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

COOK General; good plain cooking; housework; another kept; convenient house; good references; Protestant preferred; £18-£20. Write, Mrs. Dollar, 54 Morehampton road, Donnybrook. C

COOK General Wanted, first week March, for gentleman's house; good discharges necessary; no washing; age under 25; wages £22. Write full particulars Mrs. Dickson, Brendan Lodge, Lyndale, Child's Hill, London. C

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GOOD R.C. Cook General or General Wanted; must be good cook, some washing; send copies, state age, wages.—R 1929, Irish Times Office, Bagnot st., Bridge.

GOOD Cook Wanted; Safe Work. Apply, stating experience, age, wage (references essential), to "Owen," Confectioners and Caterers, Aberystwyth. C

HOTEL Cook Wanted for West. Apply, with references, stating wages, to "Z 5519, Cook," this office.

LADY requires Cook General, no washing, family five, three children; nurse kept; salary £22.—The Stephen Park avenue, Sandymount Green, Clontarf. B

LADY requires Cook General for Queenstown, thoroughly experienced; early rising essential. Reply to Mrs. Bendon, 34 Glenmore road, Dalkey, Kingstown. B

WANTED, young Cook General; good references. 7 Upper Grand canal street. T

WANTED, for Killiney, Protestant Cook General and House Parlourmaid; 2 in family; £14-£16.—Mrs. Bell, 53 Upper Mount st., Dublin. B

WANTED at once, Good Plain Cook, R.C.; two in family; two other maids kept.—Miss Walmsley, Summer Hill, Dalkey. C

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WANTED, Plain Cook, good, young, country place, Dundrum; family three; wages £18; some washing; good discharges.—Cedarmount, Dundrum. D

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WANTED, Cook General; good plain cook, undertake dairy. Particulars, copies of discharges, to Mrs. Stevens, Castle Coote, Roscommon. C

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A CLARE Young General Wanted, Protestant cook.—105 St. Lawrence road. T

A GENERAL Wanted for Co. Kildare; must be good plain cook; small washing. Address "Z 5425, this office. C

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A REQUIRED, clean, respectable General, a nice girl about 20 to 24, will find a most comfortable home, family two, flat in London; good references.—Mrs. Fisher, 19 Moscow Mansions, 109 Queen's road, Bayswater, London.

A SMART young General Wanted.—No. 1 Cullenswood terrace, Ranelagh.

A STEADY, respectable country Girl, general, partly trained, for suburbs.—R 1792, this office. B

A WANTED, steady, respectable General; plain cooking; family two; good wages; well recommended. Apply, Mrs. N. Jason, Wellfield, Marrborough. C

A WANTED, smart young General; excellent house work, early rise; £20.—R 1907, this office. C

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CHAUFFEUR Groom seeks situation; good careful driver, good horseman; steals; high power cars; high references; state terms; live in or out.—R 1869, this office. C

GROOM Chauffeur—Discharged Soldier, ex-sergeant (R.C.), Guards; position; highly recommended; state terms. Address "Z 5470, Chauffeur," this office.

MOTOR Mechanic and Driver, disengaged; twelve years' private service; capable taking charge.—E 1246, this office. C

MOTOR Van Driver seeks situation; careful driver, good timekeeper; Apply Chauffeur, 44 Wellington road, Cork. B

YOUTH, who has worked in a good motor repairing shop, forward in his work; please state particulars. S 66, this office. C

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED, experienced General, about 25, able to wash and plain cook, three in family.—Mrs. Roe, 17 Wilton terrace, road, Merchants quay. D

WANTED, General Servant; good plain cook, small family; three in family; wages £16; good references required.—Miss Scott, Fairholme, Greystones. C

WANTED, experienced General or Cook General for country; small dairy and fowl; good plain cook and breed maker essential; no washing.—Horsleigh, Cahersession, Mullingar.

WANTED, young General; no washing. Apply 117 Upper Leeson st., before 9 o'clock.

WANTED, Generals, country Girls, Shankill, Killiney, Blackrock.—King Fiewitt's, 9 Grafton st.

WANTED, General, cook, wash, 4(3) family three; £12; send copy last discharge.—S 58, this office. E

WANTED, young General, and to assist in Shop. Apply 13 South King st., after 12.

WANTED, superior young General; plain cooking; two family; South side; good wages. Call 2 to 4, or write, 7 Exchequer st.

YOUNG Girl Wanted as General, or to train.—36 York road, Rathmines. D

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED

A HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, £20, Protestant, immediately. Replies, stamped envelope, 40 Donnybrook.

EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid Wanted, accustomed to good silver and furniture, to clean 3 rooms, silver, and lamps; send copies discharges, state age, wages £22 £24.—Mrs. Bruce, Bathwick Priory, Bath. D

HOUSEMAID Laundress, R.C., Wanted for gentleman's house, Dublin; must be strong and quick; second servant kept; £18; or Cook General, Laundress, with young daughter as second. Address "Z 3566, Maid," this office. C

REQUIRED, two House Parlourmaids; good wages; no fancy paid. Write to Mrs. Bassel, Fledborough Hall, Ripon, Yorks. D

WANTED, for Glenageary (Protestant) House Parlourmaid; some experience; 2 in family; £14-£18.—Y.W.C.A., 39 Molesworth st. T

WANTED, House Parlourmaid, three in family, two servants, quiet country place, three miles from tram; wages £18; state age, religion.—Mrs. Guilford, Glencullwell, Rathfarnham. B

WANTED, a good, strong Girl as House and Parlourmaid, R.C.; must be a good worker and early riser; a well trained General might suit.—R 0 747, Irish Times Office, Rathmines. C

WANTED, early in March, an experienced House Parlourmaid for Co. Kildare, family two; one other servant kept. Address "Z 5426, this office. C

WANTED, young House Parlourmaid or Housemaid, who would be taught parlour work; needlewoman; small household; state wages.—Mrs. Sackville, Sackville place, Clonmore, Stillorgan.

WANTED, Housemaid Attendant for elderly Lady; must be fairly well educated. Apply, with references, to "Z 5457, Maid," this office.

WANTED, Housemaid, priest's house in state; wages £16, references. 1852, Irish Times Office.

WANTED, Parlourmaid; priest's house in state; wages £20. Address, sending copies of references, "Z 5504, Maid," this office.

WANTED immediately, good Housemaid for London; £24. Call Irish Times Registry Office.

WANTED, for March 1st, Parlourmaid (Housemaid); good wages. Address "Z 5545, Housemaid," this office.

WANTED, Protestant Girl, train for House Parlourmaid; recommended.—S 8, this office.

WANTED, a good Housemaid, age about 25; family of eight; parlourmaid kept; fare paid to London; good reference necessary. Apply Housekeeper, 100 Queen's Gate, London.

WANTED, by 10th March, 16th, fully trained House Parlourmaid, quiet country place near Dublin; early riser, smart appearance; wages £22 £24. Apply, references, copies of last, to "Z 5551, Maid," this office.

WANTED, experienced Parlourmaid, R.C., good waitress; must understand care of silver, glass, lamps; also experienced Housemaid, R.C., good needlewoman. Apply, stating wages, Mrs. Scott, Strathroy, Ennis, Co. Clare. T

NURSES WANTED.

A SUPERIOR young Girl Wanted, to mind three children, Protestant; £12.—Mrs. Pram; Dundrum; 10/- monthly.—R 1921, this office. D

CAN any Lady thoroughly recommend an experienced Protestant Nurse for baby, age 6 months? Address "Z 5519, Nurse," this office.

CAN any Lady recommend a reliable Nurse to take charge of baby from 6 months, state wages.—Apply Mrs. Lenaford, Ballynoe, Tullow, Carlow. D

CAN any Lady recommend a reliable Nurse to take charge of baby from 6 months, stating wages.—Apply Mrs. Arbuckle, Belmont, Ballinskill, Waterford. S 8

EXPERIENCED Nurse, R.C., for 2 children, one in her first year, Rathgar.—Apply Mrs. O'Hagan, Eccles place, Dundalk, Co. Louth. F

WANTED, for Kingstown, a Girl to mind three young children; one with experience preferred.—R 1819, this office.

WANTED, for Waterford, a thoroughly experienced Nurse for lady's first baby. Apply, with full particulars, to Mrs. Hogan's Registry, Waterford. C

WANTED, Lady Nurse, to attend baby; must be kind and experienced; youngest two, two day school, part charge infant later; country; expert needlewoman; state salary, etc. Address "Z 5537, Nurse," this office.

WANTED, experienced Nurse for one child, aged 6; also Nurse for baby, aged 1 year. Apply 26 Kids, Sandycove, February 9th. F

WANTED, Superior or Lady Nurse, three children, 6, 4, 2 months, suburbs; state wages, and about engagement.—S 25, this office.

WANTED, experienced Woman, to take charge of infant, 7 months old; must be thoroughly capable and fond of children. Apply, 10 to 11 a.m., at 8 Palmerston Gardens, Palmerston Park, Dublin.

WANTED, Nurse Nurse Housemaid for Malahide. Address "Z 5518, Maid," this office.

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, &C., WANTED.

CAN any Lady recommend experienced Kitchenmaid for London and Ireland.—Mrs. Eyre, Upper Court, Crookford, Co. Kilkenny.

WANTED, Kitchenmaid; three in family, six servants. Apply, stating wages, Miss Wolfe, Foxmoughts, Naas. C

WANTED, strong clean country Girl, train Kitchenmaid; Reply, stating wages, to Mrs. Bayley, Dallyarther, Woodenbridge. D

WANTED, Girl, accustomed to country house, to do kitchen work; knowledge cooking and how to keep place clean and in order; good washer and scrubber. Address "Z 3558, Domestic," this office.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

ALL classes good Cooks, H'maids, P'maids, Nurses, General, Daily.—Miss Molpeth's, 21 S. Anne st.

A LADY highly recommends Protestant Working Housekeeper; look after invalid, light housework; 6 years last situation, left owing to employer's death. D

CROKERTY, 26 Leinster road, Rathmines, Dublin. D

A YOUNG Girl wishes to go as Sewingmaid and Mother's Help; has had four years' experience of dressmaking; can be well recommended; R.C. Reply to Helena English, 70 Leinster st., Athy.

A MOST respectable Woman, 1 Cr., wishes situation as Working Housekeeper to one or two gentlemen or business house; Dublin preferred.—S 50, this office.

DAILY Work Wanted by respectable Woman; willing and obliging; highly recommended.—G 52, Irish Times Office, Kingstown.

EXPERIENCED Useful Maid, I.C.; plain dressmaking, light housework; £24-£26. Address "Z 3524, Maid," this office.

LADY recommends Sewingmaid, light housework, or Nurse to one or two children.—Ruth, Castlethorpe, Co. Kildare.

PROTESTANT Woman wants Daily Work, any kind; good worker; 9 1074, this office. D

RESPECTABLE country Woman, middle aged, Housekeeper, or Cook General in small family; R.C. Address "Z 5494, Housekeeper," this office. B

SITUATION Wanted by elderly Woman, housework, cooking, sewing; recommended.—S 1967, this office.

WELL recommended young Girl wishes situation, Resident Housemaid or Nursemaid (city).—S 54, this office.

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A LADY thoroughly recommends excellent Cook; a town or country; Protestant; wages £50. Address "Z 5545 Cook," this office.

A COOK or Cook Housekeeper to couple gentlemen or any Position Trust; highly recommended.—L. 2., 20 Harold road, Arbour Hill. B

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COOK Housekeeper disengaged; five years last place; gentlemen or business house; excellent discharges.—B 1697, this office. C

COOK Housekeeper, place of trust; willing to work with lady or gentleman in Dublin.—2 Hespil Cottages, Maspil road. C

COOK disengaged restaurant (outdoor) or business house; excellent discharges.—R 1968, this office. D

DAIRYMAID—A young Girl, 19, wishes a post as Dairymaid; some training, Minister Institute; well recommended; R.C. Address L. Weafer, Marleville, Marnooth, Co. Kildare. B

FIRST Class Cook, disengaged, officers' mess or training camp; excellent papers; no objection to England.—R 1955, this office.

GOOD Cook General, disengaged; good cook, savouries, entrees; discharges.—S 29, this office.

GOOD young Cook; long papers, disengaged; £20.—M. O'B., Flewitt's, 9 Grafton st.

GOOD Cook, disengaged first week March, where Protestant Governess is kept; excellent reference and long discharges; wages £22.—730, Irish Times Office, Bray.

GOOD Cook; Protestant; highly recommended. Address "Z 3546, Cook," this office.

HOTEL Cook, disengaged, excellent references, long service, young, £20; another £30.—Hawkes' Agency, Limerick.

LADY highly recommends good Cook (Protestant), with help; country preferred. Address "Z 3541, Cook," this office. B

TWO Superior Girls (R.C.'s) with situations together or separately; one as Cook General, the other as House Parlourmaid; excellent discharges; can be well recommended. Address, Dressmaker, Mrs. Bennett, Mossfield, Meath.

TWO Sisters wish situations together, as Cook General and Housemaid; good references; city or country. Apply to Nellie Collins, Chapel road, Monkstown, King's Co.

TWO Superior Girls (R.C.) wish places together, as Cook General and House and Parlourmaid; wages £20 and £14 respectively; highly recommended; first week in March; highly recommended. Address "Z 3549, Girls," this office.

YOUNG Cook General disengaged; good plain cook; small washing; suburbs; £18 to £20.—E 1787, this office. B

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.

Portrait of Miss Alice Skinner, of Parkenden Farm, Hawkenbury, nr. Staplehurst, Kent, who writes:—

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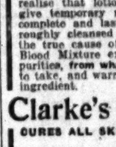
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SPORTI NEWS.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

MEETING OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

The *Racing Calendar* contains the following:—At a meeting of the Jockey Club, held at Derby House on Tuesday last, Lord Jersey informed the members that he had an interview with Sir Albert Stanley with regard to the prospects of racing for the coming flat racing season, and he had received the following letter from him:—

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens.

"DEAR LORD JERSEY,—With reference to our conversation this afternoon on the question of facilities for racing under Jockey Club Rules during the coming season, I desire to say that no objection will be raised to arrangements being made for holding meetings at Newmarket, including extra meetings, under the same conditions and restrictions as were in force last year. I think, however, the question of arranging meetings at Newbury and at other courses where meetings were held last year should be deferred for the present.—Yours sincerely,

"A. H. STANLEY."

It was unanimously agreed that, in accordance with this letter, fixtures should be forthwith arranged at Newmarket. The question of fixtures elsewhere is left in abeyance for the present.

HAWTHORN HILL MEETING ABANDONED.

As there was no possible chance of racing either to-day or to-morrow at Hawthorn Hill, in consequence of the continued frost, the stewards abandoned the meeting.

COLWALL PARK MEETING,
Wednesday and Thursday, February 14 and 15.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

FIRST DAY.

Ledbury Selling Hurdle, 12.40; Colwall Park Hurdle, 1.10; Stewards' Handicap, 1.50; Barton Court Steeplechase, 2.20; Herefordshire Hunters' Steeplechase, 2.50; British Camp Steeplechase, 3.30.

SECOND DAY.

Newent Hurdle, 12.40; Moderate Hurdle, 1.10; Four-Year-Old Hurdle, 1.50; Malvern Steeplechase, 2.20; Rosbury Steeplechase, 2.50; Mathon Steeplechase, 3.30.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. C. Adams, the Old Wesley and International Rugby football player, who joined the ARMY early in the war, is now reported missing.

According to Mr. Dinsmore, Secretary of the Percheron Society of America, the next ten years will see the greatest demand for horses the world has ever known, owing to the wholesale destruction of horses in the war.

The brothers J. C. and L. Waterbury have been unable this year to defend their title as holders of the United States racquets doubles championship, owing to the fact that Mr. Lawrence Waterbury is suffering from eye trouble.

Mr. W. J. Travis, the famous American golfer, has been engaged to lay out the two golf courses which, as part of the great public recreation ground the United States Government is making in Potomac Park, Washington.

TRAINING INTELLIGENCE.

The following chasers and others were restricted to trotting exercise at the Curragh yesterday—ANTHONY'S Pilmicay, The Knocks, Searchlight, Jupiter, Minstrel Joy, Knock Out, Alice Rockthorn, Alec Blackthorn Hope of Hinton, Mountain Pass, Palmless, Consonara Black, Recruit, Symont, and the two-year-olds DOYLE'S Colour System, Fetherney, Silk Sail, Safe Guide, and Miss Spinnaker; KIRK'S La Polonia, Sunbridge, Dargate, Bondage, Lady Kirk, and the two-year-olds; MILLER'S Falkland and Flavia; BEHAN'S Royal Signet, Happy Moments, and the two-year-olds; DAWSON'S Sallaway, Dean's Grange, Rosevean, and others.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE KILDARE.

Date—February.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 10	Enfield	11.0

THE MEATH.

Friday, 9	Moyglare	11.0

COURSING.

DUNDALK AND DOWDALLSHILL MEETING—YESTERDAY.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—Mr. M. J. Galligan.

CASTLETOWN STAKE (8 puppies).

Messrs. M'Allinden's Marriage Market a bye, Mr. Leader's Ballyshonean absent.

Mr. Carroll's Ridden Hong beat Mr. Lunny's Larboard Watch.

Mr. Rourke's Lisalee Lad beat Mr. Brennan's Village Queen.

Mr. Chambers ns. Heavy Nista a bye, Mr. M'Donald's Mizzen Sheet absent.

SECOND ROUND—Marriage Market beat Hidden Hong; Heavy Nista beat Lisalee Lad.

THIRD ROUND—Messrs. H. and T. M'Allinden's r. f. b. Marriage Market (Distingue—Did 'Em Again) and Mr. J. Chambers ns. bd. d. Heavy Nista (Heavy Weapon—Meata) divided.

CLUB STAKES (3 all-ages).

Mr. Chambers' Crom Castle beat Mr. Leader's Cheery Bob.

Messrs. M'Allinden's Metropolitan, a bye.

SECOND ROUND—Mr. J. Chambers' bc. d. Crom Castle (Half Nelson—Curious Comet) and Messrs. M'Allinden's bd. d. Metropolitan (Friendly Foe—Heavy Going) divided.

GRAND STAND STAKES (10 all-ages).

Mr. Kavanagh's Mikado V. beat Mr. O'Kane's Forthill.

Miss Hughes's Clody II. beat Mr. Martin's Allardstown Lad.

Mr. Lyon's Derrylin Boy beat Messrs. Foster and Robinson's Cambrai.

Mr. Chambers' Maid Mercury beat Mr. M'Garrell's Beatbrook Lad.

Messrs. M'Allinden's Moonshiner beat Mr. M'Keown's March Past.

SECOND ROUND—Clady II. beat Mikado V.; Derrylin Boy a bye, Maid Mercury drawn; Moonshiner a bye. Stakes divided.

KILTEELY MEETING—THIS DAY.

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

THE DRAW.

BALLINGLOUGH STAKES—For five all-ages.
Mr. Ryan's My Time agst. Mr. Moricell's Market Ticket.
Master Power ns. High Legh Rainbow agst. Mr. Whelan's Mown.

BALLINAGRANA STAKES—For fifteen all-ages.
Mr. Hanly ns. Glenduff agst. Miss M. O'Carroll ns. Golden Dawn.
Mr. Davern ns. Naller's Rock agst. Mr. Walsh's Always Gay (late Strange Reel).
Mr. Noonan ns. Blue Light agst. Mr. Fitzgerald's Slow Mazooth.
Mr. O'Dwyer's Fair Battle agst. Mr. O'Connell ns. Fast Walker.
Mr. Condon ns. Monard Rover agst. Mr. Fitzgerald's Golden Dawn XV.
Mr. Murphy ns. Rasper Harrow agst. Mr. O'Brien's Miss Grey.
Mr. O'Grike's Fair Alanna agst. Mr. Hanly's Sailaway VII.
Mr. Hourigan's Travelling Boy, a bye.

CROMHILL STAKES—For sixteen all-ages.
Mr. Walsh ns. Rock Drill agst. Mr. Quinlan's Emily.
Mr. O'Brien's May'een agst. Mr. Grace ns. Sallygrove.
Mr. Gleeson ns. Ducks Ramble agst. Mr. Burns' Beamer Green.
Mr. Hanly ns. Matthew Michael Nan agst. Mr. Lane ns. Moonee Girl.
Mr. Halpin's Favourite Countess agst. Mr. Ryan's Daylight Saving.
Mr. Quinn ns. Blarney agst. Mr. Walsh's Garzinderk Rover.
Mr. Hanly ns. Rightaway agst. Mr. Condon ns. Khaki Masher.
Mr. Naughton ns. Milford Jack agst. Mr. Cotter's Ballytigue Beauty.
First brace in slips at 11 o'clock.

FINGAL CLUB.

The Swords Coursing Club has been granted a new date—viz., Monday, 19th February.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.
REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS IN IRISH CUP TIES.

A meeting of the Senior Protests and Appeals Committee was held in Belfast last night, Mr. J. Gibson presiding. A player of St. James's Gate Club was suspended for four weeks for alleged misconduct in the Cup match against Bohemians on Saturday last. A report by W. Cowan, the referee, in the Shelbourne and Strandville Irish Cup match on the same day, in respect to the unruly conduct of the spectators, was postponed for a week. The suspension of J. Mercer was reversed.

GOLF.

PORTMARNOCK CLUB.—The February medals will not be played for on Saturday owing to the greens being frost-bound.

HOCKEY.

St. Columba's v. University College (Ladies).—To-day. St. Columba's—K. Ellis; E. M'Kenna, N. Pagg; K. Woodman, E. Pedlow, E. Wayte; E. O'Neill, M. F. M'Neill, B. Lamb, D. M'Kenna, G. Hunter.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. G. W. LUSHINGTON.

The remains of the late Mr. G. W. Lushington, the well-known Irish owner-trainer, were laid to rest yesterday in Newbridge Cemetery, Co. Kildare, amid manifestations of genuine sorrow. The attendance, which was of large dimensions, included many prominent people in the world of racing, while all the training stables at the Curragh were strongly represented. The remains were received at St. Patrick's Church by the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, M.A., who also recited the last prayers at the graveside.

The chief mourner was Mrs. Plumer (sister), and among those present included:—

The Marquis of Headfort, Col. R. Chaloner Knox, General Waldron, Captain P. E. Bald, Capt. Harding, Capt. Dewhurst, Capt. D. O'M. Leahy, Noble Johnson, Percy La Touche, D.L.; J. C. Sullivan, Maxwell Arnott, F. P. Gilpin, Chas. W. Brindley, David Rettledge, A. Brabazon, Surgeon Meardle, Dr. Rosmires, M. Dawson, J. Parkinson, R. McK. Waters, W. J. Parkinson, M. Dennehy, M. Reidy, T. Deane, T. Miller, P. Behan, C. W. Frith, A. Anthony, John Mallick, Joseph Hunter, P. V. Cannon, Joseph Wheelan, Joseph Brophy, E. J. Brophy, John Doyle, P. Hunter, John Whelan, J. Burns, J. W. Frith, W. Mason, C. P. Treacy, Joseph Connolly, John Clinton, R. Stevenson, J. Moore, P. Fatiman, J. Barrett, F. Cox, P. O'Rourke, W. Black, P. Sullivan, J. Faulkiner, E. Kennedy.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—

The Marquis and Machioness of Headfort, Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon, Lord and Lady Decies, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Laidlaw, "Pan," Mr. Noble and Maddie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Dickinson, Capt. and Mrs. Dewhurst, Maxwell Arnott and Miss Woods, Mr. Maher and Mrs. Maher, Cangrenham Lodge, Joseph Hunter and Mrs. Hunter, "The Boys in the Stable at Curyngham Lodge."

Mr. Waller had charge of the funeral arrangements.

VICTIMS OF THE REBELLION.

LIST OF COMPENSATION AWARDS.

Appended is a list of the awards granted by the Rebellion (Victims) Committee in respect of the claims of persons whose bread-winners were killed during the suppression of the rebellion. To each solicitor acting on behalf of dependents the following letter has been addressed:—

"Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle.

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you the accompanying schedule of cases in which the Irish Government, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, will make payment of *ex-gratia* grants of the amounts stated, in full settlement of claims presented to the Rebellion (Victims) Committee. In the cases of awards to adult and minor dependents, it is proposed that the full amount of the grant in each case be lodged in the County Court, and that the apportionment between the adult and minors be made by the Recorder. It is considered to be necessary in these cases to appoint at least two trustees, and if you submit the names of two suitable persons to act as such, with their consents, you will be informed if they are approved of. On their being nominated as trustees, and obtaining privities to lodge the amount of the grant in Court, arrangements will be made for the lodgment of the money. In other cases where the grants are to adults alone, without minors, it is also proposed to pay the money to trustees, to be administered by them for the benefit of the grantees, and in any such cases in which you are interested I shall be glad to have the names of two suitable persons to act as trustees."

In the list the names of deceased persons are given first, the persons who receive the award in parentheses, and the amount awarded follows:—

MESSRS. T. GERRARD AND CO., SOLICITORS.
John Murray (Mrs. Mary Murray, 28 Empress terrace, N.C.R., and six children) £275

MR. C. J. MURRAY, LL.D., SOLICITOR.
Patrick O'Grady (Mrs. Anne O'Grady, 38 East Arran street, Dublin, and six children)..£265
Michael McCabe (Miss Teresa McCabe, daughter, 62 B Block, Corporation Buildings, Corporation place) £150
Christopher Redmond (Mrs. Catherine Redmond, 7 Christchurch place, and child)..£156
Andrew McDonnell (Mrs. Mary Anne McDonnell, 10 Denzille street, and two infant children) £2 6
William Barter (Mrs. Catherine Barter, 20 Railway street, and two infant children)..£150
John Costello (Mrs. Margaret Costello, 14 Upper Buckingham street, Dublin, and two children) £300
John Dawson (Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson, 23 Marlborough place, Dublin, and three children) £164
Patrick Harris (Mrs. Teresa Harris, 54 Corporation street, Dublin, and four children) £300
Andrew Cunningham (Mrs. Kathleen Cunningham, 39 Thorncastle street, Ringsend, and two children) £275
James Fraser (Mrs. Bridget Fraser, 9 Lower Dorset street, and three children) £293
James McCormack (Mrs. Catherine McCormack, 44 B Corporation Buildings, Corporation street, and three children) £191
Edward Byrne (Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, 30 C Corporation Buildings, Corporation st.)..£234
Arthur Ferris (Mrs. Elizabeth Ferris, 13 Upper Kevin street, and child) £215
Edward Varnala (Mrs. Annie Varnala, 12 Holles street, and two children) £234
Joseph Clarke (Mrs. Margaret Clarke, 25 Gratian street, off Lower Mount street).....£150
Thomas Donnelly (Mrs. Elizabeth Donnelly, 35 North Cumberland street) £203
Peter Fahey (Mrs. Catherine Fahey, 48 Watling street, and child by deceased) £250
Christopher Lawler (Mrs. Margaret Lawless, sister of deceased, 6 Halston street) £156
Samuel Long (Mrs. Mary Long, 1 Maher's place, off Great Clarence street, and four children by deceased) £216

MESSRS. KENNEDY AND SONS, 4 LOWER ORMOND QUAY.
Laurence Kelly (Mrs. Catherine Kelly, 38 New street, and four children under 15 years)..£300

MESSRS. STRITCH AND STRITCH.
John Herbert Armstrong (Mrs. Annie Armstrong, of 2 Great Longford street, Dublin, and her surviving child) £300

MESSRS. LYNCH AND DEERING, SOLICITORS.
William Joseph Heavey (Miss Mary Anne Heavey, sister of deceased, 62 Upper Dorset street) £300

MR. J. M. M'DOWELL, SOLICITOR.
Thomas Fentony (Mrs. Cecilia Fentony, 11 Hardwicke street, and child by deceased under 15 years) £266

MR. C. FRIERY, SOLICITOR.
Timothy Spellman (Mrs. Bridget Spellman, 62 Arbour Hill, and her son by deceased)...£183
James Moore (Mary Moore, 6 New street, Cottages, off Church street, and two children) £215
William Gregg (Mrs. Mary Gregg, 139 Stella Gardens, Irishtown road) £150

MESSRS. CORRIGAN AND CORRIGAN, SOLICITORS.
John O'Reilly (Mrs. Mary O'Reilly, 75 Capel street) £173
Henry Knowles (Mrs. Arabella Knowles, 6 West Essex street) £273
Clement Courtney (Mrs. Mary Courtney, 94 York street) £254
John Doyle (Mrs. Teresa Doyle, 16 Moore street, and three children) £195
Malachy Brennan (Mrs. Mary Brennan, 67 Capel street, and five children under 15 years) £250
Thomas Doyle (Mrs. Ellen Doyle, 18 Upper Mercer street) £238
Thomas Reilly (Mrs. Mary Anne Reilly, 1 Lower Dominick street, and child) £203

MESSRS. T. G. QUIRKE AND CO., SOLICITORS.
Ed. Murphy (Mrs. Margaret Murphy, 19 Upper Pembroke street, and five children) £300

FOOD PRODUCTION.

POTATOES FOR SEED PURPOSES.

STATEMENT BY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The following statement was issued by the Department of Agriculture last night in Dublin:—

The Department think it desirable to state the position with regard to the supply of potatoes for seed purposes, so that the country, including the District Councils who are administering seed loans, may understand the problem involved in organising this supply and making it cover the requisite area. The position is as follows:—

The yield of the 1916 crop was considerably less than in 1915—the average being 4.2 tons per acre in 1916, as compared with 6.2 tons in 1915, and the acreage under the crop being, in 1916, 586,308 acres, as compared with 594,467 acres in 1915, or a total produce of 2,433,346 tons in 1916, as compared with 3,710,063 tons in 1915. In 1915, 191,000 tons were exported to Great Britain from the limited number of districts in the North of Ireland that usually grow potatoes for export. From a census of the potato crop taken in the autumn, the Department came to the conclusion in November that no more than 100,000 tons could be exported in 1916-17 without running the risk of leaving home requirements inadequately provided for. Up to December, 1916, the quantity exported, including those required for Army purposes, came to about 50,000 tons, and the Department were informed that the Army would probably require another 50,000 tons before the end of the season. The Department, therefore, decided that it was necessary to stop the export of potatoes to Great Britain, in order to ensure that there should be a sufficient supply of both table and seed potatoes for home requirements. There are only four or five counties in which potatoes are grown for export as a regular trade, and, by stopping export, the Department secured a reserve of potatoes in these counties.

PLAN OF ORGANISATION.

When the development of the war situation made it necessary to meet the danger of privation this year by calling upon the agriculturists at home as a war emergency to grow a large extra amount of food—an amount represented by an increase upon last year of a tenth of the arable area—the task of the Department was not only to see that the available potato supply met normal requirements, but to make it go very much further. It is obvious that this task necessitates the closest organisation and management of the supply. The plan of organisation for the supply of potatoes for seed (likewise for oats) is arranged into two main sections:—

(a) For those who do not require the assistance of a State seed loan;

(b) For those who, through their circumstances or the difficulty of their district in obtaining supplies locally, require the assistance of a seed loan raised by the District Council with the sanction of the Local Government Board.

The former class will have to do their own seed supplying, with the co-operation of the County Committees of Agriculture, farming and co-operative societies, and soforth, and through the ordinary channels. The view announced by the Department in publishing their schemes was that the great bulk of this part of the supply could be obtained locally. "Each county," it was stated, "should in most instances be able to supply itself. . . . Farmers should obtain the seed they require from neighbours who have a supply to sell", and, "where a county may not have a sufficient seed supply, it should seek to get it from a neighbouring county." The Department arranged that the County Committees, through their agricultural staffs, should assist in bringing the demanding and supplying farmers in their respective counties and in neighbouring counties expeditiously into touch with each other. This process is now actively going on. It is expected it will cover by far the larger proportion of the agriculturists. It secures the utilisation to the fullest extent and the evenest distribution of the available local supplies.

Where local supplies are adequate all holders, whether under £10 valuation or over, are free to obtain them in the open market on the same terms. But where, through difficulties of local supply or for other reasons, the District Council considers it necessary to raise a seed loan under the Local Government Board scheme (Scheme B), the Department have arranged, in conjunction with the Local Government Board, a method of obtaining a supply for these bodies, which will not dislocate the open distribution of local supplies as described above, and lead to the competition and consequent inflation of prices which accompanied seed loans in the past—viz., by drawing on the reserve held up in the exporting counties. If a different system were adopted, and if the District Councils who go in for seed loans were to use their organisation and funds to purchase potatoes wherever they considered them most easily procurable, the result would be that numbers of these bodies might be trying to purchase in the same district, and, by competing against each other, run up prices to an abnormal figure, while depleting certain districts of stocks locally required, and thus put the distribution of the available supply over the requisite areas in serious difficulty.

DEPARTMENT'S ARRANGEMENTS.

The Department accordingly arranged with the shipping merchants in those districts where potatoes are grown for export, and where there is a surplus for this purpose, for the supply of potatoes for seed purposes under the District Councils' scheme at a fixed price—viz., the price fixed by the military to the grower, plus a fixed sum to cover cost of handling, bagging, and placing free on rail. The Department have further arranged, when these orders are received from the Local Government Board, to inspect the potatoes as they leave the stores, with a view to testing quality and condition, and to inspect them also at the point of delivery to the District Council. Inquiries were made in the districts concerned with the object of ascertaining if the following varieties could be procured in quantity:—"Champions," "Beauty of Butes," "Black Skerries," and "British Queens." These inquiries showed that the varieties named were not obtainable except in very limited quantities, and that the only variety of which a substantial supply was procurable was "Up-to-Date." For this reason the Department arranged for the supply of the one variety available—viz., "Up-to-Date."

"Up-to-Date," it should be understood, is one of the heaviest cropping varieties in cultivation, and, although the quality may not be all that is desired according to some tastes, from a food production point of view at a crisis like the present, when quantity is the chief requisite, it is of much more importance than these other varieties. It yields under equal conditions at least 33 per cent. more than any of the other varieties named. District Councils, therefore, who, through unacquaintance with its merits or prejudice in favour of varieties of more attractive flavour, though less heavy croppers, should take careful note of this.

Also, it should be understood that, where a local supply of any varieties of potatoes is adequate to the requirements of cultivators of under £10 valuation, as well as those above that valuation, a District Council is not required to raise a seed loan. Where they do find it necessary to raise a seed loan the plan arranged by the Local Government Board and the Department for obtaining the supply is the one which must be adhered to.

ÆOLIAN GLEE SINGERS.

The concert given by the Æolian Glee Singers last evening at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, was an exceedingly enjoyable affair, and the widely-recognised merits of this choir attracted a large audience. The sweeping successes at last year's Feis Ceoil are well known, and were thoroughly deserved. Mr. F. W. Weaving, their musical director, has brought them up to a very high standard, which was evident in their singing last night. The two sections, the ladies' choir and the male voice choir, were heard separately, and as a mixed choir, and on each occasion the balance of the voices was excellent, and a particularly good feature was the expressive character of the singing. Among the composers whose works were rendered by the choir were Gibbons, Brahms, Coleridge-Taylor, and Stanford. A welcome feature of the programme was the singing of Miss Helen Moore, an artiste of very finished style, with a voice of agreeable quality, and effectively produced. Her singing impressed one as an inspiration, rather than a mere accomplishment, and was of a kind which stirred the emotions, particularly in "Songs my Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak). It will be a pleasure to hear her more frequently. Mr. T. W. Hall was in his best form, and his singing was warmly appreciated for its spirit. A nice performance of Elgar's "Serenade" (Op. 20) was given by the string orchestra, so that altogether the concert was of a distinctly artistic and pleasing character.

At Hereford Police Court yesterday, Private Thomas Broen, Royal Defence Corps, was committed to the Assizes, charged with wilfully murdering Ethel Freda Wilson, 25, daughter of Sergeant-Major Wilson, Royal Defence Corps, at the Welcome Café, Hereford, on January 29. Prisoner had billeted at the Café, but was asked to leave because of his attentions to Miss Wilson. Next night he went to the Café with a carbine and shot her. Her father had a narrow escape.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TILLAGE AND WEATHER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your leader in to-day's paper you overlook the most important factor in tillage—namely, the weather. Here in South Wicklow, and, I understand, in most of County Wexford, at least, farming operations have been held up with successive and continuous snow and frost since about the middle of December. I think I can safely affirm that since that time it has not been possible to plough on more than three or four days in this district, and possible then only by doing what most practical farmers will not approve—although, if I read Mr. T. W. Russell's speech to the Royal Dublin Society's deputation aright, he seemed to recommend the practice—namely, ploughing the snow in. For the most part, during the rest of the time, the horses have been standing in the stable, ploughs lying idle in the fields, and many men engaged at frivolous, unproductive labour—and this, unfortunately, on an occasion when autumn ploughing, etc., was considerably in arrear.

It is not for the sake of adding one more grumble from one of a community regarded as proverbial grumblers that I write, but chiefly that those responsible may learn and note these things, and that in parts more favourably circumstanced as regards weather—which, I understand many districts have been—agriculturists may bestir themselves more determinedly. Personally, my holding being small, I am hoping, if we are soon vouchsafed more suitable weather, to reach the fifty *per cent.* margin and plough some couacre.—Yours, etc.,

W. HAMMOND.

Paulbeg Nurseries, Shillelagh,
February 8th, 1917.

TILLAGE ACRES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—There is one matter in connection with the tillage scheme which should, I think, be made clear. The Irish farmer thinks in Irish acres, while the Department, I presume, thinks in statute acres. Consequently the occupier of a holding containing sixteen statute acres considers himself exempt from the regulations.—Yours, etc.,

"R. D."

King's County, February 8th, 1917.

CULTIVATION OF SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—We have read with surprise the announcement by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland of their intentions re national schools. The regulations hitherto in force—that playgrounds should be reserved exclusively for the recreation of pupils attending the national schools—are to be withdrawn that the grounds may be used for increased tillage, and that managers be recommended to have playgrounds broken up and planted with vegetables.

This new order seems the more extraordinary when compared with the announcement which appeared in *The Times* of January 26th. Here we find that, in England, far from depriving English children of their open air recreation, a grant is being made for the acquiring and upkeep of additional playgrounds. This reform, says *The Times*, "comes at a singularly opportune moment. There is no doubt that the children of the industrial classes are rather out of hand at the present time, when the needs of the nation have in very many instances removed their natural guardians." This absence of guardianship is suggested as the cause of the deterioration of conduct and discipline among school-children, and the Treasury intends to expend money to combat this evil in England, while driving Irish children from their fairly healthy open spaces out to the streets of the slums which, in so many cases, provide the homes of our workers.

The results which will attend an action such as is contemplated in Ireland should be quite apparent to anyone familiar with the housing conditions of the working classes in this country. Play or healthy recreation is as essential to growing children as food and clothing, and for this no place is better suited than the well-kept school playgrounds, where a certain amount of restraint may be observed and the conduct and discipline of the children safeguarded. It, therefore, seems unfair to deprive them of such spaces as they already enjoy, and which in themselves are inadequate. We are not acquainted with any structural difference between English and Irish children, and see no reason why that which is considered necessary for England should be denied to our own people. We protest most strongly against this action, and beg to recommend that the example of the English Board be followed in Ireland.—Yours, etc.,

CLARA MOSER, Hon. Sec.

The Dublin Watch Committee,
29 South Anne street,
Dublin, February 8th, 1917.

THE DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The ruthless destruction of the ornamental and sheltering wayside and hedgerow timber throughout Ireland by those who have recently purchased their holdings under the various Purchase Acts is a saddening sight. It is well known that it is unlawful thus to wipe off the face of the country its timber so valuable to shelter and shade, and landowners are supposed to replant as much as they cut down. But it seems to be nobody's business to see that this is done, and there has been no notice given by the Land Commission of the indiscriminate slaughter. Only to-day it came to me that now, when the Department of Agriculture are sending inspectors all over the country to see that tillage is being carried out, is the time when such inspectors should receive instructions to take note of this tree-cutting, and to report on the same, so that the Land Commission may insist on a general replanting of trees, so material to the appearance of the landscape and the future of the land.—Yours, etc.,

"ARBOR."

Co. Kildare, February 7th, 1917.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The letter of "M. D." in your paper this morning will find an echo in many minds. As a mother of a large, growing family, I can speak with experience, and I know what an important item sugar is with children. Just now we are told it is difficult to procure, yet at a local sweet shop a few days ago the proprietress told me that she found no difficulty in procuring the very best chocolates and sweets—and plenty of them. Surely steps might be taken to release some of this sugar for jam-making, and to have only plain sweets put on the market. Also, why are so many fancy cakes to be seen at confectioners? A good barm-brack or currant bun would contain more nourishment, and would be welcomed by many as a sign that the Food Controller had got the "right end of the stick."—Yours, etc.,

"HOUSEWIFE."

Co. Wicklow, February 8th, 1917.

The Russia Society (the President of which is the Speaker of the House of Commons), in response to numerous applications from students of Russian who are desirous of submitting themselves for examination, have formed a Board of Examiners, and made arrangements for a series of examinations in the language which will be held in the course of the ensuing summer.

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DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

LABOUR FOR TILLAGE.

An adjourned quarterly meeting of the Dublin County Council was held yesterday. Mr. P. J. O'Neill (chairman) presided, and there also attended:—

Messrs. James Mahony (Vice-Chairman), J. Bagnall, T. Clarke, J. Collins, A. B. Coyle, M. Dunne, A. Graham, C. J. Hanlon, J. J. Lawlor, M. McAllister, B. Newcombe, J. O'Neill, C. P. O'Neill, and P. Reilly.

The Local Government Board, in a circular dated February 7th, stated that the matter of setting free the maximum amount of labour for tillage purposes was one in which assistance could be given by county councils and county surveyors, by releasing for agricultural work as many as possible of the labourers now employed on road maintenance or other road schemes.

The executive of the North Dublin branch of the United Irish League communicated a resolution passed on January 18th to the effect that it was in the best interests of the new food production campaign that there be formed an advisory committee for County Dublin, consisting of four representatives of the executive of the League, four members of the County Council, four members of the County Dublin Farmers' Association, and Mr. Clancy and Alderman Cotton, members of Parliament for the county.

Mr. Dunne proposed that the Council appoint four representatives. It was time, he said, that County Dublin farmers looked after their own interests.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hanlon.

The resolution was passed, and the Council appointed as its representatives the Chairman, Messrs. Dunne, Lawlor, and Hanlon.

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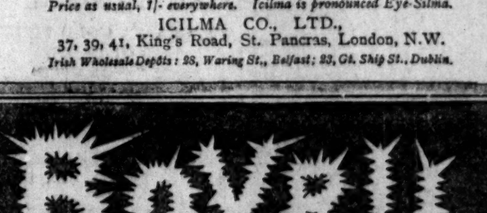

OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

GENERAL SMUTS'S LIST OF "MENTIONS."

A supplement to the *London Gazette*, issued last night, contains a list of "mentions" of General Smuts for service in connection with the East African operations. Amongst them are the following:—

Royal Navy.—Woollacott, Temp. Surg. A. F. R., M.A., M.B., R.N.

Naval Transport Department.—Hon. Lt. W. Harlington.

Naval Base.—Piccadilly, Lake Victoria Nyanza—Hall, Lt.-Comdr. A. L., R.N.R.; Bruce, Lt.-Comdr. G. W., R.N.R.; Garrett, Lt. C. C., R.N.R.; Chapman, Lt. H. A., R.N.R.; Lt. N. Jenkins, Temp. Lt. H. M., R.N.R.; Pickford, Lt. A. J., R.N.R.; Park, Temp. Sub-Lt. H. G., R.N.R.; Cartwright, Temp. Sub-Lt. W. J., R.N.R.; Penny, Temp. Engr.-Lt. R. E., R.N.R.; Hesmondhalgh, Lt. F., R.N.R.

Royal Naval Air Service.—Robinson, Temp. Flight Sub-Lt. N. Kyrle; Wilkinson, Steward-Dawson, Temp. Flight Sub-Lt. N.

Royal Marine Artillery.—Glanick, Capt. R. C. A., R.M.

Marine Transport Department.—O'Connor, Master.

Royal Engineers.—Gilchrist, Capt. and Brevet Lt.-Col. Inland Water Transport.

Signal Service.—Robinson, Capt. S. R. B. Scots R. (Spec. Res.); Hughes, Temp. Lt. F. J. Uganda Unattd. List; Shanklin, Temp. Lt. A. E.

Army Service Corps.—Lt. Hon. Arthur Hugh Boscawen, Unattd. List (temp. Lt.-Col.).

Royal Marines.—Driscoll, Temp. Lt.-Col. D. P., D.S.O. (late Capt., Ind. Staff); White, Temp. Maj. H. F., D.S.O. (late Capt., R. Innis. Fus.); Bowden, Temp. Capt. and Adjt. C. D. H.; Purcell, No. 17004 Sergt.-Maj.; Fryer, No. 13096 Sergt. P. R.

Royal Army Medical Corps.—Hale, late O.C.S., Temp. Maj.; Lt. A. M. R., R.A.M.C. (Gates, Temp. Capt. E. A., M.C. Cedar Camp, 2nd Class Order of the Crown of Italy); Brown, Lt. C. H., R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), 16 Corps G. H. Q., Monaghan No. 31 Pln.

Army Chaplains Department.—Moore, Rev. H. C., Temp. Chaplain; Dr. Malseed, Rev. L., Chaplain; Murray, Rev. J. N., Chaplain; De Maisco, Rev. L., Chaplain; Low, Rev. Mac., Chaplain.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Bebbor, Matron Miss L., R.R.C.; Roberts, Sister Agnes; Mitchell, Sister Georgina.—Devonshire, Mouree, Capt. L.

South African Forces.—Amongst those mentioned are:—Hartigan, Temp. Lt.-Col. M. M.; M'Neil, No. 5388 Pte.

South African Field Artillery.—Collins, Lt. H. L.; Kelly, Sergt. 750 Dtr.; Sergt.-Maj. D. W.

South African Infantry.—Hughes, Lt. H. D. (late Capt., M/Militia, No. 1649 Pte. A. F.); Collins, No. 1483 Cpl. Sergt.-Maj. A. J.; Harrington, Lt. W.

South African Army Service Corps.—Devenish-Meares, Capt. L.

South African Water Supply Corps.—Donnelly, Lt. J. Urban Area.—Cowan, Lt. D. M.

West African Medical Service.—O'Brien, Temp. Capt. A. J.

Military Labour Bureau.—Stokes, Capt. F. M. C., Rhodesia R.

PETROLEUM SUPPLIES.

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Dated this 7th day of February, 1917.
WEBB and WEBB, Solicitors for the said Executors, 1 Suffolk street, Dublin.

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THOMAS GIBSON, late of Kill House, Rathangan, King's County, Gentleman, Justice of the Peace.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the estate or assets of the said Thomas Gibson, Deceased, who died on the 2nd day of October, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 22nd day of March, 1917, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claim or demand to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor of the above Deceased, to whom Probate was granted on the 29th day of January, 1917, forth of the District Registry at Mullingar of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland.
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal—Hippodrome, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Potash and Perlmutter," 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Erin Machree," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Rising of the Moon" and "Fox and Geese," 8.15 p.m.
Empire Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 6.40 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—7 and 9 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—3 to 11 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—2 to 10.30 p.m.
Little Theatre, 40 Upper Sackville Street—Laboremus—Let Us Work" and "Sister Helen," 8 p.m.
Royal Dublin Society—Afternoon Lecture, 4 o'clock.
Mr. Williams's Pictures—Exhibition, 6 Merrion Row. Musical Recital at 4 p.m.
Dublin Corporation—Special Meeting, Reconstruction, 1 p.m.
War Loan—Special Meeting of Chamber of Commerce, 3 p.m.
Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge—Distribution of Prizes by the Archbishop, Synod Hall, 3.30 p.m.
Central Association of Irish School-Mistresses—Alexandra College, 8 p.m.
Clongowes Social Service Club Dance—Aberdeen Hall.
Irish V.A.D. Challenge Cup (presented by Lady Arnott)—Competitions at the Mansion House, 4 p.m.

The Irish Times.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

The Submarine Campaign.

War between the United States and Germany must be regarded as imminent if the information published yesterday by a responsible Copenhagen newspaper is true. We are told that the American Legation in Copenhagen has received a telegram from Mr. Gerard to the effect that Germany has forbidden him and all Americans to leave the country before guarantees are given that Count Bernstorff and also the German subjects on board the Vaterland and other German ships will be allowed to leave the United States. All Americans in Germany, it is added, including those on board the Yarrowdale—a vessel taken into Zeebrugge as a prize—are being detained as hostages. If this is an accurate definition of the state of affairs, President Wilson can hardly regard it otherwise than as a *casus belli*. Even Germany hitherto has not invaded the diplomatic principle which invests the person of an Ambassador with a peculiar sanctity. Germany can plead no "necessity" in holding Mr. Gerard as a hostage for Count Bernstorff. The German Ambassador to Washington has been granted a safe conduct home by Great Britain and France as a matter of course. Great Britain, however, could not admit, and the United States would not expect her to admit, that his case should be confused with that of the crews of the German ships interned in American ports. The majority of the crews are presumably men of military age, and there is no obligation on Great Britain to permit their return to Germany. If the American citizens on board the Yarrowdale are being held to ransom against them, Germany's offence to the United States would be aggravated; for the Washington Administration has already demanded, and has been promised by Germany, their immediate release. The affront in every aspect would be so deliberate and outrageous that we must await confirmation before accepting the statement that, in such circumstances, Mr. Gerard and his nationals have been detained by Germany as hostages. Without such a complication the situation between the United States and Germany is grave enough. A Washington message says that the sinking of the California, from New York for Glasgow, with the loss of over forty lives, is regarded as plain evidence that any hope of Germany's modifying her submarine campaign has vanished. The State Department has refused hitherto to advise American companies, beyond pointing out that neutral ships may arm for defence, and that American vessels are within their rights in traversing any part of the high seas. The destruction of the California, however, has had the effect of quickening American preparations for war.

There is no doubt of President Wilson's ardent desire for peace; but there is equally no doubt that Germany's intention to carry her challenge into effect is fixed. The last few days have seen severe losses of Allied and neutral ships, and, whatever action neutrals may take, Germany's submarine campaign will be continued to its full extent. It will be continued because it is based upon strategical considerations in which alone Germany believes that she can discover a means of avoiding defeat. The nature of these strategical considerations has just been defined with some precision by the military correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*. He admits at the outset that "great power, great determination, and a high degree of skill" on the Allies' side will be opposed to the practical execution of the German plan; but he is, or pretends to be, confident that the submarine campaign will have decisive effect. He bases his hopes upon the fact that tonnage available for Allied services in all waters will henceforward decrease more rapidly, while at the same time many more ships will be needed for the French and British coast services "in view of the great offensive." It is true that the opening of the decisive campaign in France will involve the employment of a very much greater volume of tonnage in cross-Channel transport. At all costs the services which supply the offensive in France must be maintained to their full extent. The *Frankfurter Zeitung's* correspondent seems to realise that those services will be maintained, whatever else happens; for he says that, "from a military point of view, it is General Sarrail above all who is hit." The extent to which the "hitting" of General Sarrail will increase the German prospects of victory, however, depends upon the part which General Sarrail is intended to fulfil. We take Mr. Bonar Law's reference on Wednesday to the position of the Salonika Army to mean that it will be limited to a strictly defensive *rôle*. In existing circumstances there is clearly every argument for restricting operations where maritime communications are long, and concentrating all our effort where they are short—as between Great Britain and France. All needs at home, all expeditions far overseas, must be subordinated to the supreme necessity of the most ample support for the offensive campaign in France; for the *Frankfurter Zeitung* admits that the submarine war will fail unless the German front holds firm.

The War Loan.

One week remains before the date for the closing of the War Loan subscription lists. It is certain that a great many persons in Ireland who might, with much advantage to themselves, invest sums, large or small, in the Loan, have not yet made up their minds on the matter. We hope that the proceedings at the public meeting arranged for this afternoon by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce will help to enlighten them as to their best course. The meeting will be especially useful if the speeches are concerned with practical points as to the advantages of the investment and the mode of subscription. In England the strongest efforts are being made to induce people to invest not only their savings in hand, but also any surplus income which they may expect in the near future. In Ireland efforts seem to be necessary to persuade people to invest even the money which they have already to their credit. This money in thousands of cases is lying on deposit at the banks at a much lower rate of interest than that which it would earn if invested in War Loan. Farmers, of course, must always have a fund of readily available capital. The results of their industry are uncertain from year to year. They have heavy expenses at a particular time of the year. They keep, therefore, a fund at the bank. The great depreciation in the value of ordinary investment securities in recent years has seemed to justify their caution in keeping that fund on bank deposit instead of investing it for higher interest. On this account the point which most deserves emphasis in connection with the War Loan is the care of the Treasury to secure the new Stock against depreciation. It is different in many important respects from Consols—a security in which many humble investors have lost portions of their small capital. The Loan should always be worth its issue price, if not more, in the market, because the scrip which the Treasury now issues for £95 will be redeemed at £100 within a definite and fairly short period. The Inland Revenue Commissioners will accept the Stock in payment of death duties, so that the price will not be depressed by the liquidation of large holdings. Lest, however, heavy selling should occur at any time and depress the market value of the Stock temporarily, the Government has established a large Sinking Fund, with which it can enter the market and buy until the market value of the Stock is again equal to the issue price. Again, the Stock will not suffer by comparison with other Government Securities—as the 3½ *per cent.* War Loan, for example, suffered after the 4½ *per cent.* Loan was launched—because the Government has announced that it will pay no higher rate of interest than that which it now offers—5½ *per cent.* on the money. Therefore, it appears to us to be a certainty that an investor in the new War Loan will be able, in case of need, to obtain the return of his money in full at any time by selling his Stock. That, of course, is a matter of only a few days. In the meantime, the Stock is earning a high rate of interest, and is always good as a security on which to borrow from the bank. The owners of the millions of money at present on deposit in the Irish banks should study carefully the arguments which will be addressed to them at to-day's meeting of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Dublin's Chance.

Defenders of the Dublin Corporation say that, with all its faults, it is honestly anxious to serve the city. To-day's meeting of the Council will furnish a convincing test of the truth of the claim. The destruction of Sackville street made many civic improvements possible. Not the least valuable of these is the widening of North Earl street. Alderman Moran has explained in our columns the grave inconvenience which the narrowness of this thoroughfare has inflicted on the citizens for many years. Its "bottle-neck" at Nelson's Pillar is the chief means of access to an important railway terminus and to the Clontarf district; and in the busy hours of the day the congestion, aggravated by tramway traffic, causes waste of time, and, therefore, loss of money. The Dublin Reconstruction Act enables the Corporation to widen the street by fourteen feet. The addition of this space would be a great boon to the neighbourhood, and, with other local improvements, would mean a large contribution to the amenities of Dublin. The arguments for the change are irresistible, yet at a recent meeting the Corporation, by a narrow majority, rescinded its own plans and voted against the improvement. The real objectors seem to be a small minority of traders in the street, who take the curious view that narrow thoroughfares are good for their business. The Corporation, by endorsing that view, has set the supposed interests of a few individuals over the interests not merely of the whole city, but of the whole country of which Dublin is the capital. To-day it will have an opportunity—perhaps, the last—of setting itself right with the citizens. The widening of North Earl street by only three feet, as the objectors propose, would be absolutely worthless. On the other hand, a widening by fourteen feet, as the Act proposes, would be a great and permanent benefit to the capital of Ireland. That is the issue for to-day's meeting—an issue so clear and simple that no casuistry will be able to cloud it. If the Corporation sins against the light to-day, it will be acting with open disregard for the civic welfare and in flat defiance of public opinion.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Captain H. T. Hewitt, Connaught Rangers, recently awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in despatches by Sir Percy Lake, is the eldest son of the late J. M. Hewitt, D.L., R.I.C. Captain H. T. Hewitt served for a year in France with his regiment, where he was twice wounded before going to Mesopotamia. He is 23 years of age.

Captain Clive Martin was awarded the Military Cross on the field for very distinguished conduct in the African campaign. He left his position in the High School, Durban, at the beginning of the war, became Lieutenant, was soon promoted to Captaincy, and now has decided to adopt entirely a military career. He will be remembered by Navan boys, amongst whom he spent a very pleasant twelve months at the school there, some twelve years ago. He is a grandson of the late Mr. Michael Lawlor, a well-known member of the Navan community.

PRESENTATION TO LIEUTENANT HOLLAND, V.C.

Yesterday in Athy Lieutenant Holland, V.C., Leinster Regiment, was the recipient of presentations from the people of his native county, the mark of appreciation of the bravery and courage displayed by him on the occasion on which he won the Victoria Cross. There was a large attendance of clergymen and people of all creeds and classes, and the Lieutenant, on entering the Town Hall, was loudly cheered. An address was read from the County Council heartily congratulating the Lieutenant on the high military distinction that had been conferred on him, and Mr. M. E. Doyle, Chairman of the Urban Council, made the presentation from the people of the county, which consisted of a solid silver tea service and a cheque.

Lieutenant Holland, in his reply, said that it was a thrilling moment for him when the greatest Monarch in the world shook him by the hand, congratulated him in the kindest manner, and spoke of himself and of Ireland and of the gallant Division abroad that had fought so long and so well.

Amongst those on the platform were:—The Dean of Kildare, Very Rev. Canon Mackey, P.P.; Ven. Archdeacon Johnston, Rev. E. Kieran, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Rourke, Colonel Barry, M. J. Minch, J.P., Chairman County Council; G. Wolfe, J.P., Vice-Chairman; Rev. D. Meeke, H. K. Toomey, solicitor, and T. J. Bodley, Hon. Secretary.

CORPORAL EDWARDS, V.C.

Corporal Jeremiah Edwards, V.C., of the Middlesex Regiment, an old pupil of the Royal Hibernian Military School, Dublin, was decorated with the Victoria Cross by the King at the investiture at Buckingham Palace this week. Corporal Edwards was the recipient of a presentation from the Governors, staff, and students at the Royal Hibernian School, Phœnix Park, on Sunday, 28th January. His mother was a native of Queenstown, where the young soldier was born, and he is the first "old boy" of any of the Royal Military Schools of the Three Kingdoms to win the most coveted honour in the British Army in the present war.

IRISH OFFICER'S GALLANTRY.

The gallantry of a young Dublin officer, Second Lieutenant J. H. E. Harris, Lewis gun officer, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has been recognised by his Divisional Commander, who has presented him with a parchment certificate for gallant conduct and devotion to duty on the field on the 29th October, and has ordered his name and deed to be entered in the records of the Irish Division. Second Lieutenant J. H. E. Harris is the elder son of Mr. John Harris, Sandymount avenue, Dublin. His brother is also serving in His Majesty's Forces, but is at present home suffering from shell-shock.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

On Monday last at Buckingham Palace Miss H. G. Millar, Matron, and Miss M. A. Franklin, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Reserve, were both decorated with the Royal Red Cross by the King. These ladies were mobilised at the beginning of the war, and are now stationed at Buttevant Military Hospital and King George V., Dublin, respectively. Both of them have previously seen service in South Africa, for which they hold the war medals. After the investiture, Miss Millar and Miss Franklin were received by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY MEDALS.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday in the square fronting the County Courthouse, Limerick, when medals were presented for distinguished conduct in the field by Major-General Doran, Commanding the Southern Division, to the relatives (Patrick and Thomas Mulcahy, brothers, and M. C. Bourke and W. Devane, cousins) of Private M. Mulcahy, and to Sergeant J. Tierney, Leinster Regiment; Sergeant E. Murphy, do.; Sergeant M. Donagher, do., and Sergeant T. Goff, do. The Leinster Regiment and the Royal Scots were drawn up forming three sides of a square. Major-General Doran, having inspected the troops, presented the Military Medal to the relatives of Private M. Mulcahy, who lost his life in trying to save a comrade. The Distinguished Conduct Medal was presented to the four sergeants of the Leinster Regiment and pinned on their tunics. Major-General Doran shook hands with the recipients, and briefly addressed them on the gallantry and devotion that had been displayed by those to whom the medals were awarded.

Private Mulcahy was a son of Mr. James Mulcahy, Meanus, Kilmallock.

Lord Morley continues to make slow improvement.

Paris (says a Reuter's telegram of yesterday's date) is taking extreme measures to economise in fuel and lighting. Yesterday it was the shutting of places of amusement for four days a week, and the stopping of tubes and tramways on the same days at 10 p.m. To-day it is the closing of the great Department Stores of the Louvre and the Bon Marché at 6 o'clock.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

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THURSDAY NIGHT.

The determination of the Nationalist Party, as shown in the notice given this evening by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, to raise the question of the immediate setting up of Home Rule in Ireland has been received with much regret not only by Unionists, but by the many Liberals who hold that it would be far better in existing circumstances not to stir up controversy. It has been plainly intimated by the Redmondites that they will not again have anything to do with the idea of separation or partition of Ulster. Their demand, therefore, raises the Irish question in its most acute form. Commenting on the situation in the Lobby, Irish Unionists argued that the dangers of Home Rule were shown to be greater than ever, not merely by the Rebellion, but by the recent election in North Roscommon, which, contrary to Nationalist assurances, and on the test set up by themselves, indicated sympathy with the rebels in the whole of Nationalist Ireland.

At the beginning of every Session the bitter cry of the private member is heard, and to-day, when Mr. Bonar Law moved his motion for appropriating all the time of the House to Government business, it was raised with more than the usual vigour and persistency. The only member who got any satisfaction out of Mr. Bonar Law was Mr. Swift MacNeill, who renewed his complaint that the Government had not yet fulfilled their promise to introduce legislation depriving the enemy Dukes of their British titles. He was informed that such a Bill was already drafted, and would shortly be introduced.

For the rest the Chancellor was obdurate to the appeals of Scottish, English, and Irish members alike. Mr. Lynch amused the House for a few moments by declaring that the Prime Minister seemed to be emulating the position of Napoleon as First Consul, but had not the requisite talents. He was then called to order by the Speaker for irrelevance, and a similar fate overtook Sir William Byles, who, starting to discourse at large on the composition of the new Government, was advised by Mr. Lowther to look at the question on the paper. Sir Courtenay Warner came to Mr. Law's assistance with the pertinent remark that most of the questions that private members were so anxious to discuss were of a controversial character, and would prevent us from showing a united front to the enemy. Eventually the motion was passed without a division.

When the debate on the Address was resumed, Mr. Leslie Scott moved an amendment urging the necessity for the promulgation of a complete agricultural policy. After outlining some of the difficulties under which farmers are at present suffering—notably as regards the shortage of labour and the uncertainty about prices—he proceeded to put forward a scheme of his own of a comprehensive, not to say revolutionary, character. It included the fixing of a *minimum* price for wheat and other cereals for at least ten years after the war, the introduction of a *minimum* wage for agricultural labourers of 25s. a week, and the compelling of owners to develop their uncultivated lands. This last suggestion elicited loud cheers from the Nationalists, and Mr. Dillon called out, "It's what we've been proposing for years."

The amendment was seconded from the Nationalist benches by Mr. Hayden, who declared that the Government's scheme as regarded Ireland was absolutely worthless even as a temporary expedient. Irish members meant to have a special debate on the matter. Mr. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, maintained that the Government had done much to stimulate food production, and mentioned that it was not part of his programme to plough up grass land. He did not attempt to minimise the grave difficulties which faced agriculture by reason of labour shortage, but expressed the firm belief that, in spite of all their troubles, farmers would spare no efforts to produce a *maximum* of food for the country. Mr. George Lambert was not impressed by the right hon. gentleman's statement. He condemned the Government's efforts, declaring that nothing had been done to stimulate food production. This drew from Mr. Prothero the interesting information that 6,000 German prisoners were available for work on the farm lands of England.

At a later hour Nationalist members again took up the case of Ireland. The Government's scheme was condemned as worthless and doomed to failure, because it was in the hands of men at Dublin Castle, who did not know a turnip from a mangel-wurzel. Mr. Duke defended the Irish proposals, pointing out that it would not have helped Ireland in the present crisis to have attempted a scheme which would have involved that country in the throes of the land question. The scheme of compulsory tillage had been received by the people of Ireland as an effort to prevent hunger and distress in the coming year.

The Unionist War Committee held their first meeting for the Session to-day, Sir Frederick Banbury in the chair. Discussion took place on the question of the application of the Military Service Acts to Ireland, but, while it was the feeling that this was a desirable step, it was also felt that the subject was too thorny to allow the Committee to become responsible for any proposal upon it. The question of the frequent presence in Great Britain of men of military age from Ireland was also brought forward, and the suggestion was made that such men ought to be taken for Army service. The matter was debated pretty fully. Eventually the general sense of the meeting came to this—that, while the adoption of the suggestion by the authorities would produce very few soldiers because it would bring about a general scuttle back, it was likely to deprive England of some very useful labour in agriculture and other industries.

It is, I understand, the intention of the Government that the new restrictions on the output of beer and other intoxicants shall be placed in force with as little inconvenience to the "trade" as possible. In these circumstances it may be expected that there will be no fresh legislation, but that the matter will be dealt with under the existing law, with revised regulations as to quantities. Mr. William Field, M.P., has received replies from several members of the Government promising consideration of the resolutions passed by residents of the St. Patrick's Division of Dublin against further restrictions in the brewing and distilling industries. The replies come from the Prime Minister, the President of the Board of Trade, the Food Controller, the Chief Secretary, and Sir Edward Carson. Mr. John Redmond also will give the resolutions consideration.

Potato merchants and growers able to judge with some certainty as to the potato shortage state that there is no reason for panic, but that there is every reason for economy. Naturally the thoughts of the merchants turn to Ireland, where thirty-seven thousand more acres are devoted to potatoes than in England, Scotland, and Wales. They say that they ought to be getting supplies from Ireland, but they are not, and in a very short time this country will be without potatoes, and there will be no more until the new crop comes from the Channel Islands in July. This point of view may be correct, but it seems somewhat early to talk about there being no potatoes in May and June.

The moral effect of Germany's action, if the report is true, will be immense in the States. That a free-born American citizen, guilty of no crime, should be held prisoner by a foreign nation will appeal even to the most lukewarm of patriots. President Wilson is likely to speak with no uncertain voice on this question.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt* (says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent), Djavid Bey has been recalled to Constantinople from Berlin in order to assume the portfolio of Finance in the Turkish Government.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

A PROMPT RESPONSE.

The movement for

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...OMPT RESPONSE.

...ent for the mobilisation of ... made an encouraging start ... Britain. "Forms of offer" ...ailable on Wednesday morn... same evening the first responses ...n to the public to volunteer were ...e National Service Department ...post. The stream continued by ...yesterday, and by evening it ...housands. The offers are likely ...number as the opportunities of ...orms grow greater. Only a small ...three million forms which were ...had reached their destination at ... and Employment Exchanges on ...d the bulk will only be made ...he end of the present week, as ...stribution is necessarily very ...n the number and in the com... offer of service, the response so ...atisfactory, and to a very large ...s have been made in a practical ...e form, showing the earnestness ...unteers for National Service. ...provided on the forms has been ...y to classify. Here and there, ...sers have enclosed copies of ...nials. These, it should be said, ...essary, and it is desirable that ...withheld until applied for later. ...he Employment Exchange reveal ...very Exchange is well supplied ...ary forms of enrolment, and the ...ers will find the trained staff ...ng to give them every possible ...ot an easy matter for a man ...e the special branch of national ...he would be specially suited, if ...therto been performed in what ...time regarded as a more or less ...ndustry. Those who desire to ...vice on a matter of this nature ...tage of the fact that the pre... Employment Exchanges are at ...h a staff willing and anxious to ...han can be done to make the ...

...HC COMBING OUT ORDER.

...ON GOVERNMENT ...EPARTMENTS.

...of the War Office makes the ...cement:—

...with the decision of the War ...llowing upon the instruction of ...neral of National Service that ...artments are to cancel forth... ...ons granted to young men of 18 ...ge passed for general service, ...has ordered the immediate call ...the Colours. Instructions have ...recruiting officers that men of 18, ... passed for general service, em... ...rnment establishments or by ...adged firms are to be called up ...ce.

...ts Government servants of all ... policemen, firemen, teachers, ...bloyment of local authorities, ...ghts, Customs and Excise em... ...Civil Service generally. It does ...n engaged in agriculture, steel ...es, quarries, railway shops, ...shipyards, or to men in the ...red by the trade card scheme. ...en of the ages mentioned above ...al exemptions, with the excep... ...certified occupations, reviews ...d for immediately. All War ...ns and recruiting officers' ...en of the ages mentioned have ...ith the exception of a few re... ...a serving in Officers' Training ...undergoing training for commis..., and others under instruction ...bious telegraphy.

...Office order calls to the Colours ...ge who has been classified in ...d C2. Men already in B and ...loyed on the work of national ...t above, and those who have ...bstitution for general service, ...e Colours, or men who have ...rmy Reserve munition workers ...milarly, this further order does ... in possession of certificates of ...d by tribunals or Government ...

...NG FOR NATIONAL ...SERVICE.

... to be known as the Parlia... ...l Service (Meetings) Com... ...established to render assist... ...mittees in the conduct of the ...recruiting campaign. Many ...ament have placed their ser... ...al of the Committee, who will ...ke arrangements for speakers ...g meetings organised by the ...

...LLAGE SCHEME.

...T ADVANCE OF OVER ...200,000.

...e Treasury have agreed to ad... ...een £200,000 and £250,000 for ...abling the new tillage scheme ...carried out in Ireland. This ...ed chiefly for the supply of ..., payment for which will be ... Board of Works, with the ...cal Government Board. The ... will be supplied by the De... ...culture to urban and rural ...respective councils will be re... ...partment for the cost of the ...e thus supplied. Every care ...e Department to ensure that ...d manures are of the best ...

...GS IN SUGAR.

...T NEW ORDERS.

...hat the Food Controller has ...in regard to brewing sugar. ...ar Order, 1917, provides, ...brewers' sugar may be de... ...warehouse except under the ...ood Controller, and that all ...in transit must be delivered ...Certain exceptions, however, ...e made, especially as regards ...wer or brewers' sugar manu... ...ugar imported for brewing ...ecial licences issued by the ...on Sugar Supply. It is ...at no brewing sugar shall ...rices exceeding the current ...ulated sugar. The Brewers' ...der, 1917, requires persons ...th, 1917, own or have power ...of brewers' sugar exceeding ...t, to make a return on or ...nd to the Food Controller ...tained on application to the ...rosvenor House, London W. ...th these two Orders, the ... on Sugar Supply an... ...nting of licences for the im... ...r 89 degrees of polarisation ... further notice. This an... ...ot apply to sugar already ...West Indian grocery crystal... ...dian muscovados, or British ... syrup sugar.

...der has also issued another ...Dealings in Sugar (Restric... ...ated February, 1917. This ...that no person shall, on or ...ary, 1917, without a permit ...thority of the Royal Com... ...pply, either on his own be... ...any other person (a) buy, ...) offer or invite an offer of ...y, sell, or deal in, (c) enter ... the sale or purchase of, or ... sugar, outside the United ...r not the sale, purchase, or ...be effected in the United ...erson acts in contravention ...ds or abets other person, ...h other person is in the ... doing anything which, if ...Kingdom, would be a con... ...der, that person is guilty ...ce against the Defence of ...ns; and if such person is ...irector and officer of the ...ity of a summary offence ...ions unless he proves that ...k place without his know... ...

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...CHRISTIANS.

... the number of Chinese ...he Archbishop of Dublin ... Work in the Litton Hall ...not reported accurately. ...he number of full Church ...denominations of Protes... ...er of a million (not 26,000 ...many more who call them... ...baptised converts among ...there are said to be a ...

FROM "THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY.

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF *THE TIMES*.)

THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY.

The extraordinary statement, says *The Times*, that the German Government are detaining Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, is still without official confirmation. Startling, however, as such a violation of the immunities accorded to his rank by the immemorial usage of civilised States would be, the report cannot be dismissed as altogether incredible. We are not surprised to hear from our Washington Correspondent that the incident will be regarded very seriously if it is established. A further reason for supposing that it may be correct is afforded by the fact that no direct information from the Ambassador appears to have reached Washington for some days. Following so hard upon the President's latest warning and the breach of diplomatic relations, the destruction of the California is, we are told, raising the question whether he may not feel compelled, after adequate investigation, to regard it as an "overt act" of the kind upon which he declared further action would depend.

FROM THE GERMAN PAPERS.

"The Americans have just as little right to address moral reproaches to Germany as a fat citizen has the right to be indignant at a poor devil whose bloody necessity brings him into conflict with the laws of the State." Thus the *Vorwaerts*, says *The Times*, which goes on to explain that it is impossible for Germany to be judged by people who, when they want bread, butter, bacon, cheese, milk, or eggs, have only to go to the next shop and buy them. The *Vorwaerts* has also the justice to point out that it is futile for the Germans to exhibit anger with the United States, now that President Wilson has acted on his threat of last January, when Germany accepted his conditions. If indignation was merited, Germany should have exhibited it then. The Berlin Correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, referring to Mr. Gerard's application for his passports on Monday, says that the conversation between the American Ambassador and the German Foreign Secretary, Herr Zimmermann, was of the most friendly kind, and that "on both sides the wish was expressed that the present breaking off of diplomatic relations may not lead to the last consequences."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Financial Correspondent of *The Times* in New York telegraphs:—The tendency of the Stock Exchange was nervous as a result of the unsettled political situation, and, while important liquidation was absent, there was little disposition to give speculative support. Sales were returned at 697,000 shares. The opening was fairly active, but movements showed considerable irregularity due to the unsettlement caused by the latest marine advices. Later in the morning a general decline occurred, rumours of important action on the part of the Administration later in the day leading to renewed bear pressure and liquidation.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

A further advance in Home Railway Stocks was the principal feature of the Stock Exchange yesterday, says *The Times*. Courtaulds Shares were strong on the 10 *per cent.* increase in dividend, and the directors' statement that they hope to arrange for the distribution of part of the company's interest in the American Viscose Company among the shareholders at a later date. Tea Shares were a firmer market.

DUBLIN AND THE WAR LOAN.

To-day, at three o'clock, a public meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, Dublin, for the purpose of supporting the War Loan. The meeting will be addressed by several prominent citizens, and the public are invited to attend.

BELFAST AND THE LOAN.

The new War Loan is being generously supported in Belfast by local firms, while individual subscribers are also very numerous. The following are some of the recent subscriptions:—Messrs. John Kelly and Co., £150,000 (new); Messrs. John Preston and Co., £100,000 (new); United Distilleries, Ltd., Belfast, £100,000 (new); Ulster Volunteer Force Patriotic Fund, £60,000 (new); Belfast City and District Water Commissioners (converted bonds), £55,500; Andrew Millar and Co., Ltd., £21,950 (new); Bessbrook Spinning Co., Ltd., £20,000 (new); Henry Matier and Co., Ltd., £50,000 (new); Royal Victoria Hospital, £26,000 (£3,500 new); Thos. Adair, Ltd., Cookstown, £10,600 (new); Lagan Harbour, Ltd., Larne, £10,000 (new); Mr. John R. Noble, Belfast, £15,000 (new); Mr. Thos. S. Martin, Belfast, £7,300 (new).

Several Belfast firms are offering inducements to their employés to support the new War Loan. The shipbuilding firm of Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co. have formulated a scheme by which any employé may go to the cashier with 5s., and agree to pay 5s. a month for twenty-three months, and at the end of that time a War Bond value £5, bearing interest at over 5 per cent., will be handed over to him. The employé will receive interest on each instalment paid. The York Street Flax Spinning Company, Ltd., have also arranged facilities for enabling their employés to purchase War Loan Bonds by instalments payable from their weekly wages. In cases where an employé, or several of them conjointly, want to purchase £100 worth of the War Loan, facilities will be granted and every help afforded by the firm. Messrs. M'Gowan and Ingram, Ltd., are also arranging a scheme on somewhat similar lines for their employés.

TWENTY-FIVE MILLION SUBSCRIPTION.

Interviewed by a Press Association representative last night, Mr. J. Burn, actuary to the Prudential Assurance Company, said that, while it had been announced that the company had applied for £20,000,000 of the new War Loan, the actual amount to be applied for would be over £25,000,000, of which, so far as the company could see, £20,000,000 was new money.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The Post Office desires it to be known that the Postmaster-General is able to accept applications in a single payment from any firm who are prepared to finance and carry through schemes to assist their workpeople to take up the Loan.

Applications for the amount required should be made on the ordinary Post Office application forms. Notification should be given on the form that the Stock is required for subsequent division among employés, and the form, when completed and accompanied by a remittance, will be accepted at any Post Office transacting Money Order business.

It is requested that a list of the employés and the amounts for which they intend to subscribe should be attached to the application form, but, if desired, such a list can be furnished later. It is, however, desirable to state approximately the number of employés among whom the Stock will be divided.

The Treasury announce that it has been decided to ask Parliament for legislation giving authority for companies to borrow for the purpose of investment in the present War Loan, notwithstanding anything in their constitution to the contrary. Such legislation will be framed to cover action already taken in anticipation of the necessary authority, and will thus cover any arrangements made in connection with subscriptions already made, or to be made, before the lists are closed on the 16th inst.

A HOME RULE DEBATE.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR'S MOTION.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor last night gave notice of the following motion for an early day:—"That, with a view to strengthening the hands of the Allies, and achieving the recognition of the equal rights of small nations, and of the principle of nationality against the opposite German principle of military domination and government without the consent of the governed, it is essential, without further delay, to confer upon Ireland the free institutions long promised to her."

Mr. Redmond will, on Monday, ask Mr. Bonar Law to allow a day for the discussion of this motion.

BRITISH MOVING AHEAD.

GOOD WORK ON SOMME AND ANCRE.

STRONG POSITION ATTACKED.

BAILLESCOURT FARM CARRIED.

OUR PROGRESS SINCE NEW YEAR.

The British report announces a successful attack yesterday morning on an important enemy position on the highest point of the Sailliset Hill, on the Somme front, in which we gained all our objectives, and captured a machine gun and 78 prisoners.

The capture of Grandcourt has been vigorously followed up, and on both banks of the Ancre considerable progress has been made.

Baillescourt Farm was carried during the night, and south of the Ancre a hostile trench was taken. The prisoners number 82.

Since the new year our advance on the Ancre represents an average depth of three-quarters of a mile on a three-mile front.

In addition there have been successful trench raids.

The French yesterday reported the capture of an enemy patrol in Avoucourt Wood.

There was lively artillery fighting to the south of the Somme, in the regions of Deniecourt and Lihons.

BRITISH REPORT.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, THURSDAY, 8.50 P.M.

We attacked this morning an important enemy position on the highest point of the Sailliset Hill, on the Somme front.

We gained the whole of our objectives, and captured a machine gun and seventy-eight prisoners, including two officers.

The capture of Grandcourt by our troops has been followed up vigorously on both banks of the Ancre, and considerable further progress has been made.

During the night we attacked and captured Baillescourt Farm, on the Beaucourt-Miraumont road, and south of the River Ancre we carried another hostile trench lying between Grandcourt and our old front line.

In these operations we have taken a further eighty-two prisoners, including one officer.

The ground gained by us on the Ancre since the new year now represents an advance of an average depth of nearly three-quarters of a mile on a front of over three miles.

We also entered the enemy's trenches last night south of Bouchavesnes, and brought back prisoners and a machine gun.

A number of the enemy were killed and his dug-outs were bombed.

During the night an enemy raiding party in the neighbourhood of Gueudecourt was driven off by our barrage before reaching our line.

Another enemy raid attempted south-west of La Bassée was also repulsed.

Considerable artillery activity on both sides has continued in the neighbourhood of Armentières and Ypres.

We caused a large explosion in the enemy's lines.

On the night of 6th-7th inst. we dropped bombs on an enemy aerodrome, with good effect.

One German aeroplane was destroyed yesterday in an air fight, and three others were driven down damaged.

One of our machines is missing.

FRENCH DESPATCHES.

The following official *communiqué* was issued in Paris yesterday afternoon:—

On the Verdun front there were grenade combats and a rather lively artillery duel in the region of Hill 304.

In the Avoucourt Wood we captured a German patrol near Bouzee.

In Alsace there were patrol encounters in the sectors of Metzeval, Alpatch, and Seppois.

The night was calm on the rest of the front.

Aviation—During the night of the 6th and 7th of February one of our aviators dropped six bombs on the military establishments at Lohr, in the Grand Duchy of Baden.

During the night one of our air squadrons bombarded the aviation ground at Mariakerke.

Last night's *communiqué* says:—

There was fairly lively artillery fighting to the south of the Somme, in the regions of Deniecourt and Lihons.

In the Argonne, in the sector of Bolante, we carried out a *coup de main* against German trenches, which resulted in our bringing back about twenty prisoners.

There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

Aviation.—Some enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs in the region of Pont St. Vincent. Four civilians were killed and five injured.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Yesterday's Berlin *communiqué*:—

Army of Duke Albrecht von Wuertemberg.—In the Ypres bend there was lively firing activity during the evening. In Wytschaete bend, by extensive mining operations, we destroyed a considerable portion of the enemy's mine saps. The British aerial squadron dropped bombs on the town of Bruges which, besides destroying some houses, killed one woman and sixteen children in a school and seriously injured two adults. No damage was caused to military establishments.

Army Group of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—On both sides of La Bassée Canal, on the Ancre, and near Bouchavesnes, the artillery duel was more intense than on preceding days. After midnight the British attacked on the north-east of Bouchavesnes. A limited initial success was speedily equalised by our counter-attack.

Army Group of Crown Prince.—Near Vanquosi, east of the Argonne, our raiding detachment brought in seventeen prisoners out of French trenches.

Last night's Berlin official:—

In the Somme region there has been temporary lively fire near Sailly. Minor engagements are proceeding. On the other fronts there is nothing of importance to report.

ETON BOYS ON WAR RATIONS.

The headmaster of Eton has just notified the boys that they are to assist the nation's food supply by going on war rations, as laid down in the scheme put forward by the Food Controller. In future every house must abide by these regulations, and keep within the specified limits of bread, meat, and sugar per head. The proprietors of tuck shops in Eton have also been requested not to serve the boys with food which would add to those rations, such as cakes, biscuits, rolls, and scones. Only chocolate and fruit is to be purchased outside the war rations. The boys have been also asked to cut down tailors' bills to the lowest limit and to avoid unnecessary travelling. There will be no long leave. Two days will be added to the holidays instead.

Mr. Asquith has appointed Sir John Barron, M.P., as his Parliamentary Private Secretary.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

MR. GERARD SAID TO BE DETAINED AT BERLIN.

CALIFORNIA CRIME LIKELY TO HASTEN EVENTS.

BERNSTORFF GRANTED SAFE CONDUCT.

A Copenhagen newspaper yesterday stated that Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, and other Americans in Germany were held up pending guarantees that Count Bernstorff and German subjects on the Vaterland and other German ships would be allowed to leave America.

Another report, however, states that the delay is due to the necessary details in connection with the issue of passports.

It is officially stated at Washington that safe conduct for Count Bernstorff has been granted by Great Britain and France.

The sinking of the California by the Germans has excited strong feeling in America, and officials of the Government are quoted as stating that the event shows that German policy is in no way modified, and must hasten the "expected eventuality."

The Dutch Premier made a statement in the States General yesterday regarding recent "grave events." He pointed out that so far there was no reason for Holland to alter its attitude of strict neutrality.

MR. GERARD "HELD UP" AT BERLIN.

PASSPORTS DELAYED.

PENDING COUNT BERNSTORFF'S DEPARTURE

(PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.)

COPENHAGEN, THURSDAY.

The *Politiken* states:—Yesterday the American Legation in Copenhagen received a telegram from Mr. Gerard, United States Ambassador in Berlin, saying that the German authorities had forbidden him and all Americans in Germany to leave the country before guarantees had been given that Count Bernstorff and also the German subjects on board the Vaterland and other German ships will be allowed to leave America.

All Americans, including those on board the Yarrowdale, are being retained as hostages.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, THURSDAY.

A telegram received here from Berlin says:—The date of Mr. Gerard's departure has not yet been fixed. The complete list of persons entitled to passports, the issuing of which must naturally take some time, was only obtained by the authorities to-day. Private telegraph communication with the Ambassador and his staff is being facilitated as much as possible. The American colony is in good spirits. A number of Americans, among them several newspaper correspondents, will for the present remain in Germany.

Regarding the return of Count Bernstorff from America, no official information has arrived. For several days past all communication with the Ambassador has been completely interrupted. Germany has to rely exclusively on enemy news, the reliability of which cannot be tested. In spite of this there is no serious anxiety here about the safe return of German officials from America. It is hoped that the Government of the United States will not abandon the ground of international law, especially the Treaty of 1799.

AMERICAN EMBASSY AND MR. GERARD'S POSITION.

With reference to the statement in the *Politiken*, that Mr. Gerard and all Americans in Germany were being detained in that country as hostages, an official of the American Embassy informed a Press Association representative yesterday afternoon that no statement on the matter could be made.

The American Ambassador visited Mr. Balfour at the Foreign Office again yesterday afternoon, and made a prolonged stay.

COUNT BERNSTORFF'S SAFE CONDUCT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY.

It is officially stated that Great Britain and France have granted a safe conduct to Count Bernstorff and his staff.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN GERMANY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

THE HAGUE, THURSDAY.

At the request of the British Government, the Dutch Minister in Berlin has undertaken the protection of the interests of British subjects in the German Empire.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, THURSDAY.

The *Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung* states that relations between America and Austria have not yet been severed, and efforts are at work to effect the continuance of relations.

SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, WEDNESDAY.

The newspapers to-day state that it is believed that the Chilian Government has decided to maintain neutrality. In an interview with Reuter's representative, however, the Minister for Foreign Affairs declared that no decision had yet been taken on the policy to be followed by his Government, and on the reply to be given to the German Note.

BUENOS AYRES, WEDNESDAY.

It has been decided to interpellate the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, War, and Marine in the Senate on February 9th for the purpose of obtaining information on the measures adopted by the Government for the protection of Argentine trade, in view of the German submarine campaign.

LIMA, WEDNESDAY.

The entire Press continues to discuss the crisis which has arisen between Germany and the United States. The papers unanimously condemn the attitude of Germany, and several ask that Peru should declare itself on the side of the United States and Brazil in favour of the freedom of the seas. The Government is in frequent communication with other American States with the object of coming to an agreement on the policy to be followed.

SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MADRID, THURSDAY.

The *Imparcial*, commenting on the Spanish Note to Germany, says:—The Note is dignified and energetic, and we hope it will be welcomed by all belligerents and neutrals, who have all up to now given Spain proof of cordial sympathy.

The *Liberal*, which finds itself in entire agreement with the tenour of the Note, says:—The Note deserves our praise and respect. The document contains several points which should be underlined. The fact that it declares frankly to the Germans that unrestricted torpedoing of neutral vessels, with the loss of neutral lives, is illegal constitutes an admirable point. It does still better to announce to the Germans that Spain bases her reasons on her rights, and hopes that Germany will give up her proposals, and thus relieve Spain from having to take the necessary steps for the defence of her most inviolate interests. Finally, the Note constitutes a tolerably clear and energetic warning to Germany. Will the Cabinet in Berlin hearken to its just and reasonable demand for satisfaction? We hope so, with all our heart. But if Germany should insist upon torpedoing our vessels, and recklessly sacrificing the lives of our brave sailors, it is comforting to know that the Romanones Cabinet will not idly watch the hecatomb with which we are threatened.

MADRID, THURSDAY.

A decree has been issued placing all wireless telegraph stations in Spain under official supervision, and henceforth they will be worked under State control.

THE CALIFORNIA OUTRAGE.

FEELING IN AMERICA.

HASTENING WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY.

Officials here openly declare that the destruction of the California is plain evidence that German ruthlessness is fully under way, and that any hope that Germany might modify her submarine campaign has vanished.

The immediate effect has been to quicken preparations for the expected eventuality, which is considered merely a matter of days, or even of hours.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY.

All the available six-inch guns at West Point have been shipped to New York, for use in the forts protecting the city.

GERMAN-AMERICANS TO FIGHT FOR UNITED STATES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY.

Delegates of twenty-eight States, representing three million members of the German-American National Alliance, have pledged their loyalty to the United States, and have endorsed President Wilson in severing diplomatic relations with Germany. The members have also promised to raise regiments of German-Americans in the event of war.

AMERICAN LINE SAILINGS SUSPENDED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, THURSDAY.

The American Line has indefinitely postponed the sailings of the St. Louis and the St. Paul, in consequence of the refusal of the State Department to advise the company whether its ships should start on voyages taking them into German zones.

The State Department has pointed out, however, that neutral vessels may arm for defence if the owners so decide, and also that American vessels are within their right in traversing any part of the high seas.

The *Evening World* says:—The officers of the American Line announce that the company has employment for men experienced in handling guns on board ship. The journal infers that the St. Louis will be armed, and sent to the prohibited zone, with instructions to defend herself. The indefinite postponement of the sailing of the steamer St. Louis, an American ship, of American registry, and flying the American flag, is the subject of sharp editorial criticism by leading newspapers throughout the country.

STRIKING AMERICAN DECLARATION.

Mr. Victor Freymont Lawson, editor-in-chief and publisher of the *Chicago Daily News*, one of the most powerful newspapers in the United States, has despatched the following cablegram of instruction to his foreign staff:—"The American people are absolutely united in their determination to defend the nation's sovereign rights, and the rights of humanity, against lawless attacks. If the lives of American citizens are destroyed under the explicit orders of a responsible foreign Government, this deliberate act of war must compel America to strike back, and to keep on striking.

"The *Chicago Daily News* holds with many other journals and with many citizens that, if Germany forces war upon this country, we must unite in the closest bonds with the *Entente* nations, and fight side by side with them with every financial, industrial, and military resource till they, in alliance, obtain a world peace with justice to all peoples."

This despatch is considered of peculiar significance, inasmuch as Chicago is the seat of a great German population.

HOLLAND AND RECENT "GRAVE EVENTS."

PREMIER STATES POSITION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

THE HAGUE, WEDNESDAY.

At the opening of the debate in the Second Chamber of the Dutch States General to-day, Dr. Linden, Premier and Minister of the Interior, made the following statement:—

"I am now in a position to give details regarding the recent grave events. Up to the present the Government has, in the difficult circumstances caused by the war, freely decided on its attitude. It has had no reason to act otherwise in consequence of the intensified submarine warfare announced by Germany. During the war the Government has strictly conformed to International Law. In its opinion, what is law remains law, even when violated by others.

"The Government has not hesitated where Dutch interests were injured to protest strongly against the acts of various belligerents when, in its opinion, they did not act in complete accordance with the law of nations. The Government, in particular, has upheld the principle of freedom of the seas. Regarding the measures recently announced by Germany, the Government, while maintaining an impartial standpoint, has energetically protested both against the obstructions of free navigation and against the deliberate employment of submarines as not being in accordance with International Law. (Cheers.)

"There is now no more reason for the Government to make a change in its International policy than when other events occurred constituting violations of International Law. The Government remains resolutely attached to the policy of strict impartiality towards both sides, a course which the States General has always approved. The Government does not desist from its resolve to offer armed resistance to any violation of our territory or sovereign rights by any Power whatever. The Government hopes, by determination and tact, to overcome difficulties resulting from the International situation." (Loud cheers.)

ANXIETY ON FRONTIER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, THURSDAY.

According to a frontier report to the *Handelsblad*, the Westphalian population along the frontier obstinately believes that within a few weeks Germany will be at war with Holland. Private letters, the correspondent says, clearly indicate how great the fear is.

The *Handelsblad*, commenting on this, says that, judging from the words of the Dutch Prime Minister, there is no sufficient reason for fear, though it appears certain that reckless submarine warfare might involve Holland in the war.

PARLIAMENT.

THE ADDRESS ADOPTED.

FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES.

POSSIBLE RATIONING OF ANIMALS.

MR. DUKE AND THE IRISH TILLAGE SCHEME.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir C. Money announced that arrangements have been made to carry out a large programme of new construction of standardised vessels of suitable types. Every effort was being made to accelerate the construction of the merchant vessels already laid down.

The House, on the motion of Mr. Bonar Law, agreed that no bills other than Government bills shall be introduced until the House otherwise determine.

When the debate on the Address was resumed Mr. Leslie Scott proposed an amendment regretting that no mention had been made of the necessity of stimulating food production, or of presenting to Parliament proposals embodying a complete agricultural policy which would guarantee the fullest development of agricultural resources.

Mr. Hayden, in seconding it, said that he and his colleagues meant to take the earliest opportunity to start a special debate on the Irish proposals and the Irish scheme. The Irish proposals had been made in a "panicky way."

Mr. Prothero, replying, said that the House had better wait for the report of the Committee which had been appointed to deal with these questions before discussing them.

As to whether there was enough of feeding-stuffs in the country, he must refer hon. members to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Controller. His own view was that we might have to ration animals.

Later in the evening Mr. Leslie Scott asked leave to withdraw his amendment, but the Nationalist members would not agree.

Mr. Duke defended the compulsory tillage regulations in Ireland, arguing that they were more drastic than anything imposed in Great Britain.

The amendment was negatived without a division, and the Address was adopted.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Thursday.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 2.45.

APPROPRIATION OF TIME.

The motion for the suspension of the eleven o'clock rule having been carried,

The House discussed the Government motion that no bills, other than Government bills, be introduced until the House otherwise determine.

Mr. LOUGH said that the motion would prevent useful measures of a non-party character being passed, unless the Government themselves took up such measures. There were, for instance, the franchise proposals of the Committee over which the Speaker presided.

Mr. SWIFT MACNEILL also spoke against the motion. He asked whether a bill had yet been prepared for the purpose of depriving certain enemy princes of their British honours and titles.

Mr. WARDLE said that they should at least have some promise from the Government that legislation would be introduced, not merely with reference to the franchise, but with reference to proposals for reconstruction after the war.

Mr. WEDGWOOD referred to schemes of reconstruction after the war, which were being promoted outside, and said that these schemes would be much better discussed in that House. The present Government differed from the previous Government in that it was far more numerous—(hear, hear)—and was also a National Government. This might lead to the founding of a new party. Many of them did not know where they stood with regard to that party until they had had an opportunity of finding out the views of the National Government.

Mr. BONAR LAW said that the last thing the Government desired was that a resolution of this kind should be carried against the will of the House of Commons. The country was now coming to the very crisis of its fate, and the one thing they ought to think about was the war. He should be greatly surprised if the House itself would tolerate the sort of discussion on private bills which they were glad to get rid of in ordinary times, and he thought that the country would be horrified if it found them returning to the old notions which prevailed before the war. This Government, perhaps more than any previous Government, realised that it was absolutely dependent on the House of Commons. In his view, the Government could not last a week, or, at all events, many weeks, if the ordinary methods of party fighting were adopted. So far as he was concerned, he would not attempt for a moment to carry on the Government in that kind of way. (Hear, hear.) As regards the bill to which Mr. MacNeill had referred, it was ready, and would be introduced as soon as possible, probably within the next week or two. He was perfectly ready to give a pledge that if there was a general desire to discuss any question the Government would find time for it.

Mr. LYNCH said that before long Ireland would be face to face with a great crisis, amounting almost to a famine. He added that the Government had given cause for disappointment.

The SPEAKER said that that had no bearing on the question before the House.

Mr. LYNCH resumed his seat, remarking that he would have a chance later of referring to the subject.

Mr. FIELD said that the Government, by determining what measures should be brought in completely shut out the private member.

The resolution was agreed to.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

The debate on the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne, was resumed by Mr. Leslie Scott, who proposed an amendment expressing regret that no mention was made of the urgent necessity of stimulating food production, or of presenting to Parliament proposals embodying a complete agricultural policy, which, by giving to the farmer permanent security for his legitimate profit, and to the labourer fair wages, good housing, and satisfactory conditions of life, and by recognising, and where necessary enforcing, the duty of cultivation of agricultural land, would guarantee the fullest development of agricultural resources. The present situation of agriculture as regards labour was, he said, critical owing to the demands of the military upon the agricultural population. There seemed to be no doubt that this year the agricultural yield would fall below that of 1916, and unless the strongest possible measures were taken it would fall far below it. Something like 20,000 efficient workers were needed on the land at the earliest possible moment. He suggested that the considerable number of men with agricultural experience in the Home Defence Army should be utilised as instructors of new workers to be drafted on to the land.

MR. HAYDEN AND CULTIVATION IN IRELAND.

Mr. J. P. HAYDEN said it was not surprising that such a proposal attracted attention from the Irish benches. Since the foundation of the Irish Party the chief plank in their programme, social and economic, related to the settlement of the Irish land question. The Irish land system had been described by every British Party which had been connected with the government of Ireland as the worst and most deplorable system on the face of the earth. It had resulted in the depopulation of Ireland, and the Irish Party had, over and over again, warned successive Governments that in time of peril for the country and the Empire it would be found that the system of government which the English had encouraged in Ireland would result in weakness for the country and for the Empire. (Hear, hear, from the Nationalist benches.) That result had happened, for the population of Ireland, under this system, had been reduced by more than one half, while in the same period the population of England had increased a hundred per cent. When the war began they again warned the Government, but their warnings were unheeded, and it was not until last month that the Government of Ireland made any proposal for the better development of the land. The proposal was then

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SPECIAL EXTRA.

THE WAR ON SHIPPING.

The Marine Insurance Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* writes:—Yesterday, like the day before, was a day of evil tidings for shipowners and underwriters, no fewer than sixteen more vessels having become the victims of the enemy. Of these by far the larger proportion are British-owned. This makes the number for the four business days of this week 53, and the tonnage 113,796 tons gross. Of this amount, 84,250 tons must be put against the British total mercantile tonnage. The prominent fact in these figures is the very large proportion of our own tonnage as compared with those published during the last five months. It will be asked how these figures compare with previous bad raids on shipping, such as those of the Emden, Moewe, and the sinkings by the Prins Eitel Friedrich and Karlsruhe in the South Atlantic. It is, however, impossible to compare the four days of this week with any of those, as, although the crews from the vessels which they sank were mostly landed on one day, their capture extended over a considerable time. The Emden sank 82,072 tons, the Karlsruhe 62,002 tons, and the Prinz Eitel Friedrich 35,703 tons. The market still believes that these raiders round our coast will be mastered, just as were the raiding vessels referred to, and pursues the even tenor of its way, with the hope that the ships which they are writing to-day will either escape the enemy or not arrive in the danger zone till he has been crushed.

AMERICA THINKS GERMANY MAD.

The first hostile act has actually been committed by Germany in refusing Mr. Gerard his passports until assured that no obstacles would be placed in the way of Count Bernstorff's departure, says the Washington correspondent of the *Morning Post*. When the State Department received this information late on Tuesday evening it seemed so incredible that the Department refused to believe it until confirmation was secured, and it was hoped that matters could be arranged without publicity, but Berlin permitted the news to be published. The State Department has for some time past entertained the suspicion that everyone in the Wilhelmstrasse was mad, and now the suspicion has become certainty.

MR. GERARD TO LEAVE BERLIN.

The Washington correspondent of the *Daily News*, telegraphing last night, says—Officially, Washington breathed easier to-night when word reached here from Berlin that Germany had decided to hand Mr. Gerard his passports, and grant him safe conduct to America, but the entire nation still writhes under what it feels to be the bitter Teutonic insult. The earlier news that Mr. Gerard and all other Americans in Germany were being detained as hostages, pending the granting of safe conduct passes to Count Bernstorff and his staff, had created the greatest indignation. In many quarters it was regarded as a deliberate attempt to force America to declare war, and such an act on President Wilson's part would have been welcomed by many who had advised against it when relations were first broken off. Late to-day, however, word reached here that Germany, having been informed that Count Bernstorff will be granted safe conduct home, replied that she would extend the same courtesy to Mr. Gerard and his party. The State Department hears that a special train will be provided to the Swiss border, and that the party will receive a military escort.

SPANISH NOTE TO GERMANY.

A Madrid telegram gives the text of the reply of the Spanish Government to the announcement of Germany's new submarine campaign. It states in reference to the German Note that the perusal of it has made a very painful impression upon His Majesty's Government. The Government of His Majesty bases its protest on the fact that the decision completely to close certain sea routes, by substituting for the indisputable right of capture in certain cases the alleged right of destruction in every case, exceeds the legal principles of international law, and especially, and above all, it is of opinion that extension of this alleged right to the destruction, in the form announced, of lives of non-combatants, among subjects of a neutral nation like Spain, is contrary to the principle observed by all nations, even in moments of the most extreme violence. If the German Government, as it says, believes that the Spanish people and its Government will not shut their eyes to the reasons which have influenced its decision, and hopes that they will co-operate, on their side, in preventing further misery and further sacrifices of human life, it will understand, at the same time, that the Spanish Government, being disposed to lend, at the proper moment, its initiative and its support to everything which might contribute to the advent of peace, which is more and more desired, cannot admit as legitimate a system of exceptional warfare. The Government of His Majesty, firmer than ever in the justice of its case, does not doubt that the Imperial Government will be inspired by those sentiments of friendship which unite the two countries, and will find in the hard necessities of this terrible war the means to give satisfaction to the demands of Spain, founded on the unavoidable duty which obliges its Government to protect the lives of its subjects, and to maintain the integrity of its sovereignty, in order that the course of its national existence may not be interrupted. For this reason it feels itself to be fully supported by reason and by right.

IN TRUE GERMAN STYLE.

The Special Correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at Rotterdam says:—In response to a telegram from the Association of Former Modern School Students of Leipzig, Mackensen telegraphed from the Kaiser's birthday:—"Many thanks for your greetings. Even if the whole world puts itself at England's service victory must, nevertheless, remain with us."

THE HOME RULE DEMAND.

Anent the direct challenge to the new Government to state its position concerning Ireland, the London *Daily Express* Lobby Correspondent writes—The Government will grant an early day, and there will be some strong speaking; but after that, I understand, there is no danger of continuous nagging or obstruction in Parliament. The rank and file of M.P.'s would assist the Government if any really hostile action were taken. In any case, the Government can count on the adherence of many members until the life of the present Parliament is prolonged by a new bill. Under the existing law this Parliament must end on April 30th. While the decision of the Government regarding a general election or a prolongation is in doubt, there is hardly likely to be any attack of substance. Further, Mr. Asquith's appeal for unity has made a deep impression on members.

ANCHOR LINER LOST.

CALIFORNIA SUNK BY TORPEDO.

NO WARNING

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made in a panicy way, but since then the country was covered with snow, and yet penalties were to be exacted from people if they had not done the prescribed work by the 25th March. Everyone knew that spring work should begin long before January—in fact, in October. The Government proposed to fix the price for one year, but that was no inducement to the farmer. Many people in Ireland were prepared to assist the Government, but so averse was the Government to suggestions that the Defence of the Realm Act had been invoked against an Irish newspaper because it informed the country, a few days before the Government intentions were published, of the nature of the proposals. The Irish were really anxious for a permanent system, but this scheme of the Government was perfectly worthless as a contribution towards a permanent settlement, and of little value as a temporary expedient. He and his colleagues wished to associate themselves in every way with the resolution. They believed that the position in Ireland presented many aspects that were peculiar to that country, and they meant to take the earliest opportunity to start a special debate upon the Irish proposal and the Irish scheme, with a view, in co-operating with members of all parties, to urge a settlement of the land question in Great Britain and Ireland as a question of practical and urgent importance. He hoped that the Chief Secretary would pay some regard to Irish opinion on this subject. If the right hon. gentleman had listened to the opinion of Ireland the scheme for Ireland, he believed, would have been different in important and essential respects. He seconded the resolution.

MR. ACLAND.

Mr. ACLAND said he trembled when he thought of the criticism that would have come from the Opposition benches on some of the things that had happened to agriculture during the last two months if the late Government had been in power. He desired to obtain information from the President of the Board of Agriculture, with the object of clearing up the position of the farmers of the country. Must they assume that 30,000 men were to be taken from agriculture, and, if so, how far could it be arranged that the men taken should be the men who could best be spared? Was it possible for the advisers of the Board to have some sort of say in the selection of the men? Might farmers be fairly certain that unless there was some turn for the worse in the national position these 30,000 men would be the last lot of men they would be asked to give up until the next harvest? He would also like to know if the substitutes that were being provided were proving satisfactory. Farmers were much more concerned to have certainty in their position than to have maximum prices. If they had certainty they would do their best even in a bad situation. But unless they knew where they were in the matter of labour, fertilisers, feeding stuffs, and implements, they could not lay their plans ahead.

MR. PROTHERO.

Mr. PROTHERO said that the mover of the amendment went into very large questions, but he thought that the House had better wait for the report of the Committee which was specially appointed to deal with such questions before they discussed them. He believed that the report of the Committee was approaching completion. He thought that what the House was really most anxious to know was what the department was doing to stimulate production in 1917. The Board had no power and no machinery to fix prices, but they did recommend certain points to the Controller. It had been stated that he fixed the prices for the potato crop of 1916. That was quite inaccurate. He had neither voice nor any other form of influence in fixing those prices. (A Member—You ought to have had.) When he was appointed he found a department mainly concerned with administering laws relating to mining districts, and there were no branches dealing with labour and food production. He had set up branches dealing with those subjects, and the Ministry of Munitions acted as ironmonger for the Board. They had to apply to that Ministry for the implements they wanted. He had also created a branch to deal with women's labour, and all over the country they were trying to get women recruits for agricultural work. They were also getting women specially trained. Besides getting machinery, they had also to arrange for the manning of the machines and for lubrication. They had obtained, through the Transport Service, men to drive the motors, and repairs would be carried out at the shops of the Transport Service, which would also supply the lubricants. They had acquired 32 tractors, and 250 more were on order. Probably by the middle of March they would have 260 motors at work. They would be handed over to the executives of the war agricultural committees. They were all American motors. War Agricultural Committees had been set up in each county, and they had thrown themselves into the work with real enthusiasm. It was no part of his programme that grass land should be ploughed up, and the War Agricultural Committee had been asked to concentrate upon the work of making the best use of the land already under the plough. (Cheers.) With regard to the new Army Order respecting men to be withdrawn from agriculture, up to the present time 6,000 men had been called up out of the 30,000 which the War Office expected to obtain. The Board of Agriculture were consulted both as to the quota of men which each county could furnish, and the men who should not be called up. The War Office gave them a man for every man taken, but the quality was not the same. (Laughter.)

FEEDING STUFFS AND FERTILISERS.

Feeding stuffs and fertilisers were in the hands of the Food Controller. There was a good reason for that, because it was necessary that they should be controlled by some one who was supreme throughout the United Kingdom. As to whether there was enough of feeding stuffs in the country, he must refer hon. members to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Controller.

POSSIBLE RATIONING OF ANIMALS.

His own personal view was that we might have to ration animals. We were in the fortunate position of having a larger head of live stock in the country than ever before, and it must be utilised to the best advantage. He hoped that the House would rest assured that the Board of Agriculture was doing everything it possibly could to meet this terrible question of labour. He had not disguised the difficulty, but he hoped that if they could carry out, with the War Office, the process of choosing men where they were least wanted, they would mitigate the loss to agriculture of taking the men which the War Office required. He was convinced that the farmers would leave no stone unturned, and spare no effort to increase the food production of the country, and he wished he could think they would succeed in doing more than he had stated.

MR. ANDERSON.

Mr. ANDERSON declared that the problem of food production would not be solved by each person cultivating his own particular little patch. It was the duty of the Government to take a big all-round view, and to endeavour to reconcile competing claims. The tribunals had worked in a most unequal way, and the Government should not allow themselves to be stampeded into mere newspaper clamour. He did not think that the system of voluntary rationing that had been imposed would succeed, and he feared that compulsory rationing would have to be adopted. The Food Controller would do well to consult the co-operative societies, because they could advise him how best to apportion supplies amongst 20,000,000 working people. It had been done in other countries.

SUGAR PRODUCTION.

Colonel PAGE CROFT pointed out the urgent necessity of State assistance for sugar production in this country, in order that capital might be invested in sugar factories, without the risk of their being subjected to unequal competition from enemy countries on the conclusion of hostilities. The Brussels Sugar Convention, he said, should be treated as a dead letter.

Mr. MORRELL, Colonel MEYSEY THOMPSON, Mr. LUNDON, and Mr. OUTHWAITE continued the discussion.

MR. CHARLES BATHURST.

Mr. CHARLES BATHURST said that he could find no fault with the general tone of the speeches. No doubt public opinion on food questions was in a restless condition, but it would be unreasonable to suppose that in seven or eight weeks, in mid-winter, and in the face of every sort of handicap presented by war conditions, the whole agricultural position could be remedied; and the present and future food supplies of the country safeguarded against all possible developments. He could assure the House that there had been no lack of activity in the departments concerned, and the relations between the Food Controller and the Board of Agriculture were of the friendliest character.

THE PRICE OF BREAD.

The Food Controller was in no way responsible for the rise in the price of bread, and if there was any attempt on the part of millers to put up the price of flour, in order to bring down the price of offals, the Food Controller would intervene and exercise his very drastic powers.

EXPORT OF FERTILISERS.

In regard to fertilisers, a very large proportion of the output of sulphate of ammonia was going abroad to our Allies at present, under licences, which, when they expired, would not be renewed. An embargo had been placed on the export of all fertilisers from this country under new licences. In assenting to the prices fixed for potatoes for 1917, the Food Controller had simply given his *imprimatur* to the proposals of the three Departments of Agriculture. He had rather more to say in fixing the prices for the 1916 crop, but he had, while protecting the consumer, endeavoured to secure fair value for the producer. Notwithstanding that the quantity of food given to hounds was exiguous, there had been that day a meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds, and they had decided substantially to reduce the number of days' hunting in every hunting county. They were quite prepared to slaughter a very large proportion of the whole number of hounds, many of them of great value, in order to avoid any suggestion that any large quantity of food was given to hounds.

Mr. LESLIE SCOTT asked leave to withdraw the amendment, but the Irish Nationalist members refused to agree, and the debate was continued by Mr. P. White, Major Hunt, and Mr. Flavin.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Mr. DUKE said that the existing need with regard to food had to be dealt with this spring by ploughing as soon as the frost was out of the land. The present Government was not responsible for any existing defects in the Irish land situation. The question that had to be solved by the Government when the present emergency arose was as to the surest method of increasing the food yield from the land in Ireland. There was, in Ireland, something like a million acres of what was called second class pasture. That land was better adapted for tillage than for grazing purposes, and the object of the Government in the present scheme was to bring as much of the land under cultivation as could, by reasonable pressure on the resources of the country, be brought under cultivation. They desired, as far as possible, to get an equal and a just scheme. Agricultural experts had considered what was the maximum amount of arable land that could be tilled, and the view taken was that the occupier of arable land who was tilling less than forty per cent. of the land should be requested to till an extra ten per cent. That was the basis of the scheme, an addition of ten per cent. to the food Yielding land among the arable lands of Ireland. In a general way that had been accepted as a practicable thing. It had been complained that men who were tilling ten per cent. had been required to till an extra ten per cent. It had to be remembered that the man who had appliances for tillage was a much better equipped for increased tillage than a man who had no appliances. It was said that the scheme did not break up the ranch system. In a general way the occupier of what was called a ranch had to find one-tenth of it suitable for tillage, and to till it. But very likely he would not be able to do it himself. Hon. members assured the House that there were large numbers of cultivators at hand. Wherever that was the case, so far as the Government was concerned, all the powers contained in the Order would be utilised to secure that the proper proportion of the land would be placed under cultivation. The Government were unjustly reproached when they were charged with having done an injustice to the Irish people in not having gone further. They submitted that the scheme of compulsory tillage was hindered by controversial questions being raised in regard to matters of detail, as for instance the administration of the scheme. He could not promise that the elements of the scheme would be revised, but matters like the supply of seed, machinery, and other questions of detail were within the competence of the departments in Ireland—the Department of Agriculture and the Local Government Board—and every effort had been made, and would be made, to supply all the assistance possible for the cultivation of these holdings. The Director of Transport had met, most readily, the representations he had made with respect to motor implements. Speaking generally, the tillage scheme was the first effort by the people of Ireland as an effort to do something to prevent hunger and trouble in the coming year. The Roman Catholic Bishops of Ireland had recommended that everything practicable should be done to bring the scheme to success, and, in spite of criticisms, the investigation he had given to the matter satisfied him that the farmers of Ireland, and the small cultivators and allotment holders were going to do their best to make it a success.

Mr. LESLIE SCOTT'S amendment was negatived without a division, and the Address was agreed to.

REPLACING MERCHANT TONNAGE.

Mr. PERCY ALDEN asked the Private Secretary to the Shipping Controller what arrangements had been made for building merchant vessels to take the place of those which had been sunk; and whether it was possible to state the number of ships which were already under construction, and the number it was proposed to commence within the next month.

Sir L. MONEY—Arrangements have been made to carry out a large programme of new construction of standardised merchant vessels of several suitable types. In addition, every effort is being made to accelerate the construction of such merchant vessels as are already building, and which are of the greatest value at the present time. I regret it is not possible for me to give details, either as to the number of ships now under construction or as to the number to be laid down in the near future; but I can assure my hon. friend that no effort is being spared to utilise the nation's shipbuilding capacity to the utmost limit for merchant shipbuilding, with due regard to Admiralty needs.

Mr. E. MASON asked whether, if he gave a case in which a shipbuilding yard at Alloa, on the Firth of Forth, had been refused a Treasury grant in order to carry out extensions of their works, the Shipping Controller would be prepared to receive a small deputation, and to consider whether or not, under the circumstances, a Treasury grant would be made, in order to increase the facilities for carrying on this all-important industry.

Sir L. MONEY—Certainly. Any suggestion or information of that kind which any member of the House can give to the Shipping Controller would not only be welcomed, but considered, and, if possible, acted on.

Mr. WEDGWOOD asked whether work on private ships ordered and partly executed before the war had not been stopped.

Sir L. MONEY—I can only say that every case of shipbuilding now in progress is being individually considered, and if it is a case of providing a vessel suitable for cargo it is accelerated. If it is a vessel of unsuitable type it is retarded.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. BONAR LAW, in reply to Mr. Gulland, said that the order of business next week would be:—Monday—Business of the House, resolutions and Vote of Credit; Tuesday—Civil Service Supplementary Estimates (Committee); Wednesday—Vote of Credit (Report) and Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, first reading; Thursday—Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, second reading.

The House adjourned at midnight until Monday next.

HOUSE OF LORDS—Thursday.

The LORD CHANCELLOR took his seat on the woolsack at 3.15.

Lord GAINFORD, introduced by Lord Colebrooke and Lord Buckmaster, and Lord Roe, introduced by Lord Rathcreedan and Lord Aberconway, took the oath and their seats on elevation to the peerage.

Lord GORELL took the oath and subscribed to the roll on succession to his brother, recently killed in action.

Earl CURZON moved a resolution of regret at the announcement of the resignation by Sir Henry John Lowndes Graham, K.C.B., of his office of Clerk of Parliament, owing to indisposition, after thirty-one years' service.

Lord CREWE and the Lord Chancellor spoke in support of the resolution, and it was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 4.47 until Tuesday.

LONDONDERRY AND LETTERKENNY RAILWAY.

Mr. BONAR LAW, in a written answer to a question by Mr. Kelly, states that the Board of Works is in negotiations with the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company, with a view to the settlement of a new working agreement in regard to the Letterkenny Railway. In the event of such a settlement not being reached on or before 1st July, 1917, it has been agreed that the existing working agreement shall continue in force until 1st July, 1918.

THE NATIONALIST PARTY.

At a meeting of the Nationalist Party, held yesterday at the House of Commons, Mr. John Redmond presiding, the party's Food Production Committee reported that they had held two meetings in Dublin during the recess, and that, in view of the urgency of the matters to be dealt with, they found it desirable to issue their recommendations without waiting for a meeting of the party.

The course taken by the Committee was approved, and the two reports in question were adopted by the party. It was unanimously decided to reappoint the Committee.

It is emphatically denied by the officials of the Nationalist Party that there was at Wednesday's meeting any suggestion of the resignation of the Chairmanship by Mr. John Redmond.

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their boat was rowed up to them, and took ten men and one woman aboard. One man was lying dead in the bottom of the boat. He (Mr. Knox) noticed that some of the boats were busy picking up some of the officers, who stood by the liner to the last moment. While he was walking on the deck when the ship was struck he saw no submarine, but the crew said they observed two.

A SAD CASE.

The explosion was terrific, and must have killed several people in the after part of the vessel, where the torpedo hit her. He mentioned a very sad case, in which a woman named Little was coming to Scotland with four children. She and one child were lost, three children being saved. They were being treated by the Red Cross nurses in an hotel. The little ones were inconsolable at the loss of their mother. The chief officer, who was among the survivors, had his right hand and fingers badly crushed by a lifeboat jamming his hand against the side of the liner. Among the lost were three women and two children. There was one American among the survivors, named John See, of Mongomery, Alabama. He (Mr. Knox) should have stated that the moment the ship was struck wireless messages were sent out calling for help. The rescuing vessel came on the scene of the disaster in about forty-five minutes after the ship had been torpedoed and rescued them. They were treated very kindly, and reached the harbour without further incident. The American Consul had taken a full statement of the disaster. The surgeon, Dr. W. F. Algeo, was among those missing; also the assistant purser, Mr. Eadie. The body of the purser, Mr. Hetherington, had been landed.

MISSING PASSENGERS.

It has now been ascertained that 43 persons are missing—15 passengers and 30 crew. The former include seven women and four children. The missing passengers include:—Second class—Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. J. Kidd, Edna Smith, J. W. Alderson (whose wife is saved), Master Alderson, Mrs. M. O'Donnell and two children (one out of three children saved), and Miss Margaret Roberts; steerage, Mrs Margaret Little and one child (three out of four children saved) and Miss Annie Forbes. Eighteen passengers were saved.

MISSING MEMBERS OF THE CREW.

The missing members of the crew include:—Extra third officer, J. Simpson; first engineer, D. Smith; extra second engineer, W. Cunningham; Surgeon W. F. Algeo, Purser Hetherington (body recovered); assistant purser, Wm. Eadie; carpenter's mate, D. Pollock; A.B.'s—J. O'Donnell, E. W. Lemon, and J. Campbell; fireman, T. Halbert; leading stoker, J. Murray; greasers—M. Darcy, M. McCann, J. Burns, J. McQueen, P. Breslin, and J. Coyle; trimmers—J. Monaghan, J. Gell, J. Fraser, J. Chancy, and D. Millar; stewards—G. Steele, W. Lees (pantry), G. Alexander, J. Mather, and J. Moore; barber, A. McGarvie.

THE INJURED.

The injured in hospital are:—Passenger—Jeanie McKinlay (shock). Crew—Chief Officer Kesson (broken arm), Alex Logan (abdominal trouble); Engineer John Hay (head injury), Greaser Joseph McGrath (dislocated shoulder), Greaser John Davidson (fingers crushed), Printer Peter McDonald (ribs crushed), Fireman Peter Griffin (crushed), Archibald McKay (lamps) (shock), Greaser John Neill (legs crushed), Quartermaster Harry Proctor (strained arm), Assistant Steward Norman McDonald (shock, strain).

PASSENGER SURVIVORS.

The following are the names of the passenger survivors, who were on board the California:—First class—James Broughton. Second class—Mrs. J. W. Alderson, Mrs. Gilchrist, Angus Gilchrist, Cornelius O'Donnell, Rose Martin, Alexander Morton, Miss A. Cuthill, Mrs. Chambers. Third class—Margaret, Mary, and Baby Little, Mrs. Jeanie McKinlay, Alex Knox, James Anderson, Alex Logan, Marjorie Sinclair, Jennie Robertson.

Intelligence has been received that several bodies from the California have been recovered at sea.

AMERICAN CHILDREN ON BOARD.

On inquiry at the Anchor Line offices at Glasgow last night, it was learned officially that a reply had been received to a cable asking whether any Americans were aboard to the effect that two or three children missing were claimed to be of American birth, and that possibly a third child missing would also be found to be of American birth. Definite news regarding the nationality of the third child will probably be received to-day.

Doctor William F. Algeo, the California's ship surgeon, reported among the missing, is a son of the late Mr. R. H. Algeo, Londonderry City, accountant, and of Mrs. Algeo, Clarence avenue, Londonderry.

INTERVIEW WITH BOATSWAIN.

A number of survivors of the California arrived in Dublin last night. Mr. John M'Lean, the boatswain of the California, in the course of an interview with a reporter of the *Irish Times*, gave a graphic account of the fate of the liner. He said:—"We had good weather from the time we left New York, and the voyage was uneventful until the time when the vessel was torpedoed—at 9.20 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The weather was then fine but cold, the sea being calm, with a bit of a roll on. We got no warning whatever. I was on deck at the time, and was about to go below when I saw the track of a torpedo coming towards the ship on the starboard side. The California was steaming at a rate of about 15 knots at the time the torpedo struck her away aft, on the starboard side. I immediately ran to the boat deck, and everyone else on deck did the same. We did our best to get the boats away as quickly as possible. The ship sank in about nine minutes after being struck, and as far as I know some 13 of the passengers were drowned, some of them being women and little children. There were about 41 drowned altogether, including passengers and crew, and those saved numbered about 180."

"Was there much difficulty in getting the boats away?"

"Yes. What made it difficult to get the boats away was the fact that the ship was steaming ahead all the time after she was torpedoed, and she continued going ahead until she sank. That made it much more difficult to get the boats away, although, as I have said, fortunately the weather was good. Immediately after the torpedo struck the ship she took a big list over to starboard, and on the port side the crew and passengers were slipping along the side of the ship into the water. The boats had to be pushed off the port side into the water, where there were many people swimming about."

"How many boats got away?"

"About 14 or 15. There were a lot of people in the water, and we picked up as many as we could."

TWO TORPEDOES.

"How many torpedoes were fired?"

"I only saw one one that struck her, but before that another torpedo had been fired on the port side of the California, and missed her. The one fired on the starboard side struck her close to the stern. There was no warning whatever, and after she was struck there were many moving sights. We saved one little baby six or seven months old, but the mother was lost. I saw another woman who was drowned with her little child lying on the top of her back in the water. That child, too, was picked up alive. It was not more than eight or nine minutes from the time she was struck until the ship sank. Then a ship came along. We saw her on the horizon about 20 minutes after the California went down. We were all taken on board the ship, where they were very kind to us. They gave us clothes and warm drinks and food, and treated us very well. The purser, Mr. Hetherington, died after being taken on board the ship. A number died in the water from injuries caused by the explosion. Our chief engineer, Mr. Smith, was lost, and also Mr. Cunningham, the third engineer. The boat of which I was in charge took away 26 persons from the ship, and we picked up others in the water afterwards. When my boat got into the water and we let go from the ship she went away from us like a shot through the speed that was on her, and in a few minutes the California was a mile away from the boat."

"Were there any other vessels in sight when the California was struck?"

"No. The last vessels we saw before being torpedoed were two tramp steamers, which we passed. A trawler came on the scene after we had been picked up, and picked alongside, and picked up a number of these who were in the water. We were about an hour in the water altogether before being taken aboard the ship. The captain and all the principal officers of the California were saved." Mr. Simpson, the third officer, was drowned, and the assistant purser, Mr. Eadie, was also drowned. After being put ashore we were treated very well, indeed.

EVERYTHING LOST.

"I suppose you lost all you had?"

"Yes; everybody lost everything. A great many of the crew were in their bare feet, whilst others were almost entirely devoid of clothing. As a matter of fact, we had not time even to get lifebelts, she sank so quickly. Her stern was under water within five minutes of the time she was struck."

"Did you see the submarine?"

"I did not, but some of those in the other lifeboats saw her a considerable distance off after the liner had gone down. She never came near those who were struggling for life in the water, and had disappeared when the ship came up and saved us." In conclusion, Mr. McLean, with seamanlike affection, spoke of the California as "a fine ship," and recalled the interesting fact that some time prior to the war she had been wrecked on Tory Island, but was successfully refloated. There were no lives lost on the occasion of the shipwreck, but so badly was the liner damaged that she was lying up under repairs for nearly twelve months.

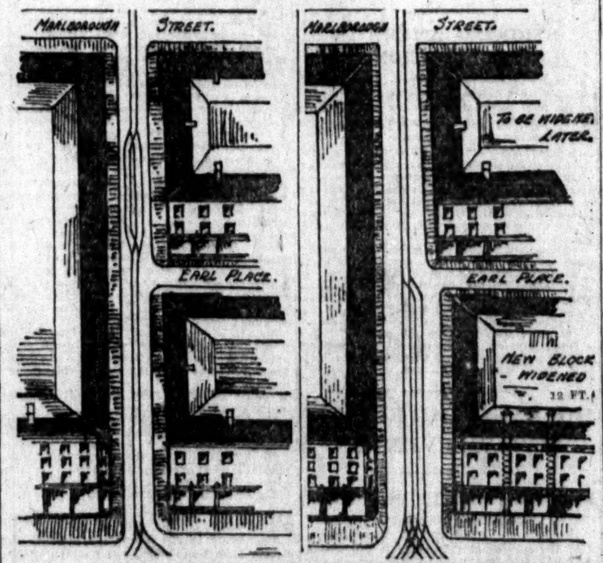
CUNARD COMPANY'S GENEROUS ORDER.

The Cunard Company sent telegraphic orders to Dublin that all of the rescued crew should be provided with "a plain, substantial meal, and debit Cunard Company" with any expense entailed. The order was well carried out in both letter and spirit.

CONFUSION REGARDING NUMBERS.

Although the official list showed nine officers and 123 of the crew and passengers being dealt with last night, there is a discrepancy between this total and the 147 actually sent away.

WIDENING OF EARL STREET.



We publish two plans showing the traffic facilities in North Earl street, Dublin, as they were, and as they will be if the street is widened. The plan showing a single line of tram rails between Sackville street and Earl place shows Earl street as it was; that with a double line of rails to Earl place is Earl street as it will be. In the old street, every time trams waited for each other to meet in the two loops, the Earl place loop and the Talbot place loop, they blocked vehicular traffic, which had no room to pass them, causing constant loss of time to travellers and traders. If Earl street is rebuilt as a bottle-neck thoroughfare that inconvenience will be perpetuated for generations. If Earl street is widened as proposed there will be a double line to Earl place, with room for vehicular traffic to pass as well. Above that will be a single line for the present, also leaving room for vehicular traffic. In some future time further blocks will come down, and the double line of rails will go right to Amiens street, and still leave room for traffic on either side. If Earl street is rebuilt on the old site this improvement is indefinitely postponed.

THE WIDENING OF EARL STREET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. James Moran published in your issue of to-day's date causes me much surprise. My views as appearing in the full Dublin Press of the 27th ult., still remain sound and unanswered on the true points, and show that this scheme of widening the street at the south side by taking away a 14-foot frontage from No. 1 to No. 7 is unnecessary, and would entail an expense on the ratepayers which would be very heavy, indeed. The giving of "substituted space" to the houses Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 is out of the question, as the rears are cut off by bread factories erected at an outlay of not less than £12,000. Mr. Moran's suggestion of the further widening to Talbot lane is purely problematic, and does not come into this matter in a practical way at all.

It is not my desire to have to make, and fight, perhaps, a very heavy claim for compensation, and I simply make a protest against this scheme where the addition of three feet, which will bring the street to its proper uniform width, can be had, I feel sure, on easy terms. It is hard, in my opinion, that this contention should be unfairly dragged out to such an extent, and everybody will, I think, admit that it would be a great benefit to builders, contractors, skilled workers, and labourers to have important works started without delay, giving much desired employment in this deplorable time.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH DOWSE.

Southhill, Upper Rathmines,
February 8th, 1917.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I am informed that this subject will be before the City Council to-morrow. Lest it should be construed that the traders in this street are against this much needed improvement, I will thank you to put my protest against the Little Dubliners who are interesting themselves in the matter. I am strongly of opinion that the powers obtained under the Reconstruction Bill should be enforced and the street widened by fourteen feet. As a trader for almost twenty-five years, I make no apology in stating that I should know its requirements as well as any other person, and have done as much in improving and enhancing its value, bus making it one of the best business resorts in the city.

The opportunity has now arrived, and it will be a crying shame if the Corporation are unable to carry their scheme. Let the promotion of the three-feet project be accurted, and let us have light and air, together with liberty to move about. It is mere claptrap to put forward the illusive theory of narrow streets being the most effective for business. I have heard Grafton street and Henry street held up as an example, but these streets cannot be compared to the above, which has tram lines running through, whilst the former have none. The amount of congestion here at times is very considerable. Private vehicles are hustled out of the street, whilst motor traffic is almost entirely diverted in other directions.

I concur almost entirely with Alderman Moran's plan, that the entire street should be widened as far down as Talbot place, and this should not be hard to accomplish in the near future. I cannot think that the Councillors who are opposing this scheme are acting in the best or truest interest of the city.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH BOYERS.

20, 21, 22 North Earl street, Dublin,
February 8th, 1917.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
PITMAN'S SHORTHAND CERTIFICATES.
During 1916, pupils of this College were awarded 169 certificates (at 50 to 100 words a minute) by Pitman's Phonetic Institute, Bath.—(Advt.)

Fashionable Intelligence

The Duchess of Abercorn has arrived in London from Belfast.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, who have been on a visit to Lady Violet Astor at Dorking, have arrived at Lansdowne House, London.

The Marchioness of Waterford arrived in Dublin yesterday from Curraghmore, County Waterford.

The Earl of Donoughmore has left London for the Continent.

The Countess of Selkirk has left London for Beeston Castle.

Sir Hercules Langrishe, who has been at his place, Knocktopher Abbey, County Kilkenny, since Christmas, left last week for England.

Sir Walter Nugent left Dublin on Monday for London for the opening of Parliament.

Sir William Goulding returned to Dublin yesterday from London.

The position of the V.A.D.'s and Trained Nurses in relation to the New College of Nursing is discussed in the Women's Work Page of the *Weekly Irish Times* published to-day.

Last Two Days of Switzer's Sale. Final and Drastic Reductions.

First Show of Early Spring Goods in all Departments.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 St. George's street.

When evening dresses are hastily requisitioned the Dartry Dye Works, Dartry road, Dublin, will soon clean them and so save anxiety.

Arrivals at Kingstown per Royal Mail steamers, 8th February.—Lieutenant Holland, V.C., and Mrs. Holland; Sir William Goulding, Bart., D.L., and Sub-Lieutenant Markey, R.N.V.R.; Captain and Mrs. Sproule, Lieutenant Dillon, Captain St. A. Clowes, Captain Davis, Lieutenant Taylor, Lieutenant Isaacs, Commander Considine, R.N.R.; Captain Wylie, Second Lieutenant Alexander, Captain Duany, Major Byrne, Major G. W. Shea, Sherwood Foresters; Dr. T. J. Williams-Fisher, Mr. Bagwell, J. Conor O'Farrell, R.A.M.C.; Geo. Jacob, Mrs. Warded, Miss Patten, Miss E. Kollett, Mrs. R. P. Sadler, Miss D. Sadler.

Departures from Kingstown per Royal Mail steamers, 7th February.—Captain and Mrs. Godfree, Major Humphries, Rev. W. K. Grimm, D.A.C.S., Second Lieutenant R. A. Scallan, R.G.A.; P. O'Doherty, M.P.; Seymour Bushe, K.C.; Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weiner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keenan, R. J. T. Walker, R.N.; J. S. Daly, F. J. Hilliard, George Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Delany, Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard, H. J. Brodie, Rupert Colomb, Edward Forshaw, A. H. S. Brown, R. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. M'Grath, G. K. L. Cunningham, Miss A. E. Bigger, Miss M. Graham, Miss Maud Graham, Mrs. James Nesbitt, Mrs. James Legate, Miss Rochfort, Miss M. Rochfort.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale this day.

Newest Costumes and Coat Frocks at Slyne and Co.'s, 71 Grafton street. Tweed Costumes from 5½ guineas.

Carpets and Curtains Shaken and Cleaned.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd., 13 and 14 Grafton st.

New Year's Sale now on. Special Value.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street.

"EXTREMELY PLEASANT, AND I PREFER IT."—Lady C. Hobart-Hampden writes:—"The 'ALBION MILK AND SULPHUR SOAP' is extremely pleasant, and I prefer it to any other I have ever tried." Delightful at Toilet and Bath—pure, refreshing, delicately perfumed. Sold by Chemists, Grocers, etc.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last night's casualty lists record the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 34; wounded or missing, 32. Rank and File:—Dead, 358; wounded or missing, 684.

The following casualties are reported under various dates:—

OFFICERS KILLED.

ASHINGTON, Capt. H. S. O., Kast Yorkshire Regt.
COLEBROOK, Sec. Lt. C., Hampshire Regt.
DICKSON, Sec. Lt. S. A., R.F.A.
HUMPHREY-DAVY, Sec. Lt. D. N. O'N., Hampshire Regt.
KELLIE, Sec. Lt. L. L., Ryl. Field Artillery.
LUTENEE, Sec. Lt. G. A., Royal Engineers.
SATCHWELL, Sec. Lt. R. W., R.G.A.
Officer previously reported missing, now reported killed:—
GODFREY, Sec. Lt. L. W. J., Black Watch.
FRENCH, Sec. Lt. R. D., London Regt.

OFFICERS DIED OF WOUNDS.

PIKE, Sec. Lt. W. E., Royal Engineers.
REID, Sec. Lt. J., Highland L.I.
Officer previously reported wounded, now reported died of wounds:—
DONAHOO, Capt. R., Yorkshire L.I.
Officer previously reported wounded and missing, now reported died of wounds:—
THORMAN, Capt. H. M., London Regt.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

BAXINDINE-REYPEIET, Lt. J., Machine G.C.
BIRCHAM, Capt. B. O., Hampshire Regt.
BRIGHAM, Lt. K. B., R.F.A. and R.F.C.
BURDON, Lt. (Temp.) N., Sco. Lt. G. A. J., Northumberland Fusiliers.
DAVID, Major C. H., Royal Field Artillery.
ps BUNSEN, Capt. G., Durham L.I.
HALL, Sec. Lt. J. C., Royal Garrison Artillery.
HAMILTON, Sec. Lt. W. S., Ryl. Scots Fusiliers.
LEES, Sec. Lt. H. D., Border Regt.
MCCAWLEY, Capt. H., Welsh Regt.
MACKREDIE, Capt. R., Sco. Artillery Coy.
MOORE, Capt. G. M., Berkshire Regt., attd. R.F.C.
PELTON, Sec. Lt. K. K., Leinster R., attd. R.I.R.
SMITH, Capt. H. F., Royal Fusiliers.
ROUTLEDGE, Sec. Lt. J., Liverpool Regt.
SAVAGE, Sec. Lt. W. A., Leicestershire Regt.
STAMP, Capt. W. A. E., Devonshire Regt.
STEVENS, Capt. L. C., Royal Field Artillery.
WHEATLEY, Capt. J. F. W., R.G.A.
WINSER, Lt.-Col. C. R. P., D.S.O., 8th Lancashire Regt.

OFFICERS MISSING.

BEONSKILL, Sec. Lt. F. H., Ryl. Flying Corps.
DALE, Capt. A. W., Sco. Rgrs., attd. R.F.C.
SPICER, Sec. Lt. E. D., Ryl. Flying Corps.

The following casualties are also reported under various dates:—

OFFICERS KILLED.

BARCLAY, Capt. G. E., Lancaster Regt.
BEAUCHAMP, Sec. Lt. P. S., Worcestershire Regt.
CALLENDER, Lt. G. W., Worcestershire Regt.
COOKE, Capt. H. A., Connaught Rangers, attd. Nigeria Regt.
DUDLEY, Capt. B. J. C., Dorsetshire Regt.
HISCOCK, Capt. E. H., Worcestershire Regt.
LABBETT, Sec. Lt. A. W., Lincolnshire Regt.
MacGREGOR, Lt. J. H., Bedfordshire Regt.
SLOAN, Sec. Lt. H. A., Ryl. Garrison Artillery.
TAYLOR, Sec. Lt. C. H., Worcestershire Regt.
THATTLES, Sec. Lt. A., W. H., Hampshire Regt.

Officer previously reported wounded, now reported killed:—
WILKINSON, Sec. Lt. B. J., Yorkshire Regt.

Officers previously reported missing, now reported killed:—
EVERARD, Capt. C. F., Highland L.I.
FORTH, Sec. Lt. B. La T., Manchester Regt.
TAYLOR, Sec. Lt. A. W. H., Suffolk Regt.

OFFICERS DIED OF WOUNDS.

BAGGS, Lt. H. F., Welsh Regt.
BRALE, Sec. Lt. C. C., Rifle Brigade.
HOLE, Sec. Lt. J. S., Ryl. Garrison Artillery.
DYCHE, Lt. J., Ryl. Welsh Fusiliers.
MOOR, Sec. Lt. E. L., Warwickshire Regt.

Officer previously reported wounded, now reported died of wounds:—
SPINNEY, Lt. R. E., General List New Armies.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

BINNEY, Capt. E. V., Ryl. Engineers.
CONNOR, Rev. J. M., Army Chaplains' Department.
DARKE, Capt. R. F., M.C., Gloucestershire Regt.
FRY, Sec. Lt. A. C., Ryl. Field Artillery.
GLENDINNING, Sec. Lt. W. M., Royal Scots Fus.
WEBB, Sec. Lt. C. C., Wiltshire Regt.
WINTER, Lt. N. S., Ryl. Sussex Regt.

OFFICER MISSING.

SMITH, Sec. Lt. S., Ryl. Flying Corps.

OFFICER WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

GARDNER, Major R. D., Seaforth Highlanders.

The following casualties have been notified by cable from the Salisbury Office of the British South Africa Company:—

ROYAL RHODESIA NATIVE REGIMENT.

Killed—Lieutenant H. Simpson.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE.

Died of Wounds—Lieutenant L. Bridges.
Severely Wounded—Sergeant C. Arnott.
Wounded—Capt. C. C. Burke, Sergt. J. Bartler.
Slightly Wounded—Lieutenant J. Williams.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

The following casualties are reported under various dates:—

All are privates, except where otherwise shown. The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation "Enlt.," when it is his place of enlistment.

KILLED.

YEOMANRY.

Wilson, 1167 Act. Cpl. J. (Belfast).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.

Stewart, 12440 T. (Lisnaskea).

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

Targett, 29219 H. (Crumlin).
Watt, 28233 C. (Litherland).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Monahan, 30109 P. (Manorhamilton).

DIED.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.

Boon, 44080 P. W. (Camberwell, S.E.).

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Lyons, DM2/136253 W. (Belfast).

WOUNDED.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Sinclair, 46671 Act. Cpl. N. (Belfast).

IRISH GUARDS.

Carolan, 5551 L.-Cpl. T. (Meath); Cole, 6196 Sergt. M. A. (Clare).
M'Auliffe, 9318 L.-Cpl. P. (Cork); Murray, 6060 T. A. (Castlebridge).
Nizzy, 4540 J. F. (Belfast).

ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT.

Flynn, 4450 Sergt. M. (Athlone).
Nolan, 4806 P. (Enniscorthy).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.

Atwell, 10953 W. (Brookeborough).
Hawe, 23397 J. (Castledawson).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.

Colebrook, 45503

FINANCIAL NEWS

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

MARKETS QUIET, BUT MORE GENERAL. GUINNESS ORD. BETTER. TEXTILES AND DUNLOP DEFD. LOWER.

DUBLIN, THURSDAY EVENING.

Transactions on 'Change to-day were fairly numerous, but many of the quotations were for comparatively small or exceptional lots, and in no direction was any real business brisk-ness. There was a rally in Guinness Ord. Shares, but Textiles, Dunlops, and Royal Banks fetched lower prices. In the Banking group, Nationals hardened ½ to 1¼, but Hibernians fell ¼ to ¼ for an odd lot, and Royals ½ to 1½. Munsters, at 5½, and Provincial Old, at 20½, were steady. Bank Stock was neglected, but remained ca offer. In Breweries, Guinness alone quoced. The Ord. rose ½ to ¾, but the Pref. fell ½ to 10½. Dublin Distillers Pref. were held for 87s. 6d., a rise of 1s. 3d on last marking. Home Rails were steady to firm. No change is shown among Ord. Stocks, but Great Northern Pref. rose ¼ and the Guaranteed Stock fell ¼. Great Southern and Western Debs. rallied ½ to 76. Midland Great Western issues were steady on the report. Baronial Guaranteed were idle. Among Tramways, Dublin United issues were steady at last prices. In United issues were a little irregular. Dunlop Rubber Ord. rose 4d. to 53s. 1½d., and Parent Tyre Pref. 1½d. to 15s. 6d., while do. Def. relapsed 6d. to 27s. 6d. In Drapery Shares, Arnott Ord. relapsed ¾ to 7½ for a few shares. Pim Brothers Ord. were steady at last price. Textiles eased a little. Costa Ord. fell ¼, and Cottons 9d. Bradford Dyers Ord. fell 1½d., Calico Printers Ord. and Pref. 1½d., and Spinners 1½d. mostly in regard to the nominal plane of the market, as dealings were few. Dolphin South City Markets fell ¼ to 3½. Dolphin Hotels and *Irish Times* Pref. were firm, with the 2nd Pref. of the latter 3d. better at 16s. 6d.

Other business done included Exchequer 5 p.c. 1920 Bonds, which realised 98¾, and War Loan 4½ p.c. 99½-¾. Fine Spinners Prefd.-Ord. fell 1s. to 15s. for a broken lot.

BANK OF IRELAND STATE, 3 PER CENT. ALLOWANCE ON DEPOSITS, 2 PER CENT.

	Previous Price.	Business Done For Cash.	Nominal Quotation 5 o'clock. Bid.	Asx'd
Government Funds, etc.				
2½ Consol., 1823.....	61¾	61¾	...	...
War Loan 4½% Stock...	99½	99⅝	...	...
Grar Land 2½% 1933..	61¾	61¾	...	...
3½ India Stock, 1931..	63⅛	63½	...	...
India 2½ p.c., 1926....	46	45¾	...	...
Banks.				
Hibernian Bank.....	...	14¾	...	...
Munster and Leinster....	8¾	8¼	...	...
National Bank... Old....	14¾	14⅜	...	...
Provincial Bank... Old...	20⅞	20½	...	...
Royal Bank of Ireland....	12	11⅞	...	...
Breweries and Distilleries.				
Dublin Distillers 6% Pref	88⅜	...	...	87/6
Guinness Ord....	23¾	24	...	...
Guinness 6 % Cum. Pref....	10¾	10½	...	...
Railways and Tramways.				
Great Northern Ord.....	89	189	...	...
G.S. & West. Ord. Ostg....	174	174	...	...
Mid. Gt. West Ord.....	129½	129½	...	...
Gt Nor (I.) 4% Pref....	71¾	70¾	...	...
Mid. Gt. West 4% Deb....	55⅝	55⅜	...	...
Gt. Northern (I.) Cons. Guar.	71¾	71	...	...
G. S. & West. 4% Deb	78⅜	78	...	...
Midland G. W. 4½ % Deb	71	71	...	...
Dublin United Tr. Pref....	7¾	7¾	...	...
Dublin United 6 % Pref....	10	10	...	...
Miscellaneous.				
Parent Tyre Deferred....	28/	27/6	...	...
Parent Tyre Cum. Pref....	15¼%	15⅜%	15¾	...
Arnott Ord.....	7¾	7½	...	...
Pim Brothers Ord.....	19¾	20	20/6	21/6
Bradford Dyers Ord.....	27⅜%	...	12/3	12/6
Calico Printers Ord.....	15¾	...	15/6	14/6
Calico Printers 6 p.c.....	6¾	6¾	...	...
Costa Ord.....	43/	43/	16/9	17/6
English Sew. Cotton Ord...	43¾	...	14%	...
Eng. Sew. Cotton 5% Pf....	28/9	25-7½	...	...
Fine Cott. Spinners Ord....	...	...	...	20/6
Fine Cotton Spinners 5%	19%	9%	...	50/
Hollins Cum. Pref.	60/	...	16%	...
Dublin Sth. City Market	3½	...	3½	...
Irish Times 6½ % Pref....	17/3	17/2	16/6	...
Irish Times 6½ % Pref....	16/3	...	16/6	...

*Ex-dividend; †exceptional amount at special price. ‡ Free of stamp duty. Business commenced at 12 o'clock noon. Stock Exchange closed on Saturdays.

OTHER BUSINESS DONE—11.45 o'clock

Dunlop Rubber Co. Ord. 53/1
Exchequer 5 p.c. Bonds, 1920 ..... 98¾
No. 5 p.c. Exchequer Bonds, 1920, Reg. 98¾
Fine Cotton Spinners, etc., Prefd. Ord. 15/-
Fine Cotton Spinners Co. of America 1/6
Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America 1/6
War Loan 4½ p.c. Bonds, 1925-45 ..... 99¾-¼
†Exceptional amount at special price.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Bank Rate (changed January 18th, 1917) 5½ p.c.

There was no alteration in the Bank rate yesterday morning. In the Lobby the market call money was in rather better demand at 4½ to 4¾ p.c., and not a further offerings under the latter figure, despite the week-end offerings under the latter figure, despite the week-end offerings under the latter figure, despite the week-end

AUCTIONS.

J. F. KEOGH & CO.'S FRIDAY AUCTION OF HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE & PIANOS TO-DAY AT 25 BACHELOR'S WALK, AT 12.30 o'c.

COMPRISES:

Superior Mahogany and Walnut Diningroom Furniture, Dining Tables, Dumb Waiters, Sideboards, Chesterfields, Lounge Chairs; beautiful Drawingroom Cabinet, Ebonised Mahogany, cost 40 guineas; Overmantel Glass to match, cost 25 guineas; Drawing-room Suites, in Silk Tapestry, Hair-stuffed; Chippendale China, Music, and Curio Cabinets; All-Brass Beds and Wire Mattresses; Brass Fenders and Brasses; the Complete Furnishing of 12 Bedrooms; Kitchen and Deal Furniture, Linoleums, &c.

ALSO,

Two Upright Overstrung Cottage Pianos—one by Collard and Collard, cost 85 guineas; and one by Chappell and Co., cost 95 guineas. Both instruments are almost new, have a brilliant, sweet tone, and will be Sold at Three o'clock.

N.B.—THE GOODS FOR SALE ARE WELL WORTH THE INSPECTION OF INTENDING PURCHASERS.

J. F. KEOGH & Co., AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS.

ON VIEW.

MESSRS. BENNETT and SON WILL SELL BY AUCTION, AT THE SALEROOMS, 6 UP. ORMOND QUAY, ON TUESDAY NEXT, THE 13TH FEB. INST., & FOLLOWING DAYS, A VERY EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF MODERN FURNITURE, OF THE MOST COSTLY DESCRIPTION;

FINE DONEGAL, TURKEY, AND AXMINSTER CARPETS; SILK POPLIN CURTAINS;

Five Sets of Mahogany and Walnut Dining Tables, on Screw Frames; highly-finished Mahogany, Oak, and Walnut Sideboards, with Mirror Backs; Dining and Drawingroom Suites, upholstered in Morocco Leather, Saddle-bags, and Silk Tapestry; four Chesterfield Couches, Inlaid Rosewood and Walnut Cabinets, French Boule and Marqueterry Card and Writing Tables, Easy Chairs and Couches; Walnut, Rosewood, and Gilt-framed Overmantels and Mirrors; Hall Appointments, in Mahogany, Oak, and Walnut; Carved Oak and Mahogany Bookcases, Grandfather and Mantel Clocks, Cylinder-front and Pedestal Writing Tables, Brass Coal Vases and Fire Sets; a number of superior Bedroom Suites, in Mahogany, Walnut, Fumed Oak, and Satinwood; Mahogany Mirror-door Wardrobes, Cases of Drawers, Duchesse Pairs; Brass and Sheraton Twin Beds, Enamel and Brass do., and Bedding; House and Table Linen, Table Glass and China, Cutlery; a quantity of Electro-Plate, by leading manufacturers; Paintings, Engravings, and other Miscellaneous Effects.

SALE TO COMMENCE AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.

Terms: Cash and Five per cent. Fees.

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ON VIEW. PIANOFORTES, &c.

EIGHT FIRST-CLASS UPRIGHT & BOUDOIR GRAND INSTRUMENTS,

BY COLLARD, BROADWOOD, KIRKMAN, BROOKLYN CO., CRAMER, and other Leading Manufacturers; AN UPRIGHT GRAND STEOK PIANOLA PIANO, in Mahogany Case, with 60 Records, practically new; and cost 130 guineas; AMERICAN ORGAN, BY ESTEY; HARMONIUM, PIANOLA, GRAMOPHONE and RECORDS.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, AT THE SALEROOMS, 6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY, ON TUESDAY, THE 13TH FEB. INST., AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. Purchasers to pay Five per cent. Auction Fees.

BENNETT & SON, AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, 14TH FEBRUARY, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

114 PEMBROKE ROAD.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF SUPERIOR ANTIQUE AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

SUPERB BOUDOIR GRAND PIANOFORTE, by RUD IBACH SOHN, BARMEN, in handsome Ebony Case (a rare opportunity to secure an unquestionably high-class instrument); ELEGANT FLORENTINE CHIMNEY GLASS, FINE OLD CHIPPENDALE DITTO, CHIPPENDALE GILT GIRANDOLE GLASS, with candelabra; DRESDEN CHINA CLOCK AND ORNAMENTS, DITTO CANDLESTICKS, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, etc., etc.

MESSRS. HAZLEY & CO. are favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mrs. Bright to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises above, a Valuable Collection of Antique and Modern Furniture and Effects, comprising in addition to above—Music Stool, Drawingroom Chairs in tapestry, Chesterfield Couch in ditto, several Down Cushions, large Gilt End-of-room Glass, Walnut Inlaid China Cabinet mounted in ormolu, rosewood inlaid; Ebonised and Gilt Occasional Chairs, Walnut Inlaid Whatnot, Music Waggon, Cash of Birds, Bonanza Fender, Brass Curbs, Fire Brasses, Brass Fire Screen, Hand-painted Ditto, Walnut Inlaid Oval, Ebonised and Gilt, and other Occasional Tables; Two Fall Ditto, Centre Ottoman, Settee, 3 and 4-fold Screens, Floor Lamp, Carpets, Lace, Silk Plush, Portiere and other Curtains; Karross and other Skin Rugs, Room and Stair Carpets, Pictures, Prints, Ornaments, &c., &c.

DININGROOM—Handsomely Carved Walnut Sideboard, with bevelled mirror back; 6 Walnut Dining Chairs, in leather; Set of Telescope Dining Tables, Antique Easy Chairs, in leather; Divan Ditto, Couches in tapestry, Wicker Easy Chairs, Hand-painted Overmantel Glass, Brass Hall Curbs, Fire Brasses, Mahogany Writing Desk, Cases of Knives and Forks, quantity of Table Glass and other effects; Grandfather's Clock in handsome Antique Case, Walnut Hat Stand, Antique Hall Chairs, Rare Old Hall Table, with marble slab, brass feet; etc., etc.

BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS—Brass and Single Beds, Bedding, Enamelled Bedsteads, Dressing Tables, Wash-hand Stands, Mirrored Door Wardrobes, Dressing Tables and Glasses, Marble Topped Washstands, Chairs, Towel Rails, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Ware, Quantity of Blankets, House Linen, Linen Basket, etc.

Usual Kitchen Furniture and Culinary Utensils, Double Ladders, Screw Top Mangle, Paraffin Stove, Bisner Delpa, and other miscellaneous effects.

The entire on View Tuesday Next, from 11 until 4 o'clock.

N.B.—The Auctioneers respectfully request an early attendance.

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FURNITURE SALE THIS DAY at 11.30 at 11 VILLIERS ROAD, UPPER RATHMINES.

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GENERAL SERVANTS DISENGAGED

DISENGAGED—Young General wishes situation in small family; wages £18. Address A. E., Fyngh, Ballsbridge.

EXPERIENCED General, disengaged; plain cooking, small washing; wages £18.—Address, this office. C

EXPERIENCED General, good plain cook; long disengagement; well recommended; wages £18 to £20.—B 1984, this office.

GENERAL disengaged; understands housework; small washing; city preferred; recommended.—S 30, this office.

SUPERIOR young General disengaged; plain cook; small washing; highly recommended.—S 27, this office.

SMART young General, disengaged; plain cooking, laundry; long disengagement.—S 26, this office.

STRONG young General disengaged; plain cooking. Can be seen to-day 11-1, 24 Main st., Blackrock.

TWO Sisters (R.C.) wish situations together as General Servant; Kildare or Dublin preferred.—B 1977, this office.

WELL recommended young Girl seeks situation, General or Children's Maid.—B 1978, this office.

YOUNG General disengaged; good plain cook, laundress; excellent discharges.—S 31, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes situation as General Servant; good character highly recommended; North side preferred. Apply M. Conlon, 187 Richmond road, Fairview.

YOUNG country Girl wishes to train as General Servant.—S 47, this office. E

HOUSE PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED

AN experienced House Sewingmaid, disengaged; good housemaid and dressmaker; recommended.—Maid, No. 1 Bank place, Waterford.

A COOK (Under) Housemaid desires situation as House Parlourmaid; young; good appearance.—B 1904, this office.

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EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid, disengaged, where housemaid kept; highest recommendation.—Wheatley's, Clarinda Park, Dun Laoghaire.

EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid (), would go Cook General; long disengaged.—9, 88 North Strand.

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HOUSE Parlourmaid disengaged; highly recommended; suburbs.—46 Heddington road.

LADY'S Maid disengaged; most respectable trustworthy Girl as House Parlourmaid; would go General in small family; R.C.—B 1908, this office.

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SINGLE Housemaid, or House Parlourmaid; small family; understands her business; highly recommended.—B 1784, this office.

SMART young Parlourmaid, over 2 years' discharge; country Girl; highest references. Seen to-day, 11-1, 24 Main st., Blackrock.

TWO young Irish situations in same house, as Housemaid and Cook Generally; some years' experience; excellent papers; R.C.—4 Fair View terrace, Mulgrave st., Dun Laoghaire.

UPPER Housemaid, disengaged, Protestant, Sixth; excellent references.—Housemaid, 2 Mount st.

WELL trained Parlourmaid, disengaged; city preferred; highly recommended.—B 1793, this office. E

YOUNG Girl wishes situation House Parlourmaid; 18 months' experience; highly recommended.—Julia M'Donald, Newtownmountkennedy. D

YOUNG Housemaid, disengaged; willing; attentive; suburbs; well recommended.—S 32, this office. E

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EXPERIENCED Nurse; take baby from month; and highly recommended; suburbs.—B 1718, this office.

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LAUNDRESS, soon disengaged, go Housemaid-Laundress or Single; R.C. Address "Z 3421, Laundress, this office.

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KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET, having Purchased the entire Jewellery and Silver Stock of J. Mosse and Sons, Waterford, are now offering it to the Public at less than half cost price.

A1—THE best Vacuum Flask is the cheapest; Heir's stock Thermos Goods; half pint 6/9, pint 8/11, and quart Flasks 15/5. Note—26 Dame st., Dublin. T

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FIRE Tiles, Fire Bricks, and all classes Fireclay Goods, lowest prices.—Thomas Archer, 11 and 12 Upper Kevin st., and 35 Amiens st., and New Wapping st., North Strand. Phone, 1902 (three lines).

FOR Sale, an oil Brass 3-Light Gasalier.—R 1758, this office.

FOR Sale, quantity of 3 and 4 inch Hot Water Pipes.—B 1848, this office.

FOR Sale, Pair Glass Folding Doors, 8'6" x 6'6", with strutters, complete.—B 1903, this office.

FURS—Handsome Set, mostly imported, mounted to order; several made left for Sale.—Moriarty, 31 Wellington quay.

FOR Sale, quantity of Medical Books; list sent. Address "Z 3525, Books," this office.

FOR Sale, Office Fittings, with two Half Glass Doors.—B 1977, this office.

FOR Sale, Torpedo Washing Machine, good order; cost £5; what offers? also quantity Jam Pots. Address "Z 3509, Machine," this office.

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RANGES, Grates, Mantelpieces—Close Ranges, from £6 10/- to £15; Grates, with Tiles, 50/-; 60/-; Slate Mantelpieces, 20/- to 110/-; Carbotton Stoves and Fuel, Brass and Antique Curbs, Fenders; Coal Vases, etc., from Thos. McKenzie and Sons, Ltd., Brunswick st., Dublin. T

RABBIT Traps, Beesche's XX and XXX, and cheaper Rabbit Traps, from 1/6; Sporting Guns, Rifles, Lanyard Cord, 1/3 ball for Snares; Dark Lanterns, with slide, 7/6.—Thos. McKenzie and Sons, Limited, Brunswick st., Dublin.

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DIAMONDS, Old Gold, Antique Silver, Miniatures, etc., Purchased for cash.—Edmond Johnson, Ltd., 94 Grafton st.

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WANTED, Gas Producer Plant, suitable for 80 to 100 h.p. Suction Gas Engine. Reply Thompson, 168 Thornhill st.

WANTED, Secondhand Vertical Boiler, about 9' x 3'; must be in first rate condition, and capable of being tested for 120 lbs. pressure.—Apply to Z 3486, Boiler," this office.

WANTED, Platform Weighbridge, 12' x 6' 6", capable of weighing up to six tons, good condition; state price and where to be seen. Address "Z 3359, Weighbridge," this office.

WANTED, Suction Gas Producer, secondhand condition immaterial, in Dublin preferred, to suit engine 8-10 h.p. Address "Z 3435, Machinery," this office.

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ANGLING—The most Practical House in Ireland for Fishing Tackle, Garnett's, Crampton Court (beside Empire Theatre), Dublin. Salmon Licences issued.

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WANTED, an Oil or Suction Gas Engine, 12 to 15 B.p., in good order and cheap. Address "Z 3563, Engine," this office.

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WANTED, Suction Gas Producer, secondhand, condition immaterial, in Dublin preferred, to suit engine 8-10 h.p. Address "Z 3435, Machinery," this office.

WANTED, old Army, Navy Medals; any dated 1842 20.—S 57, this office. E

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WANTED, 100 large, clean Ash Trees, standing, near rail; canal preferred. Address "Z 3546, Trees," this office. C

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